Tesoro

SHORT STORIES BY
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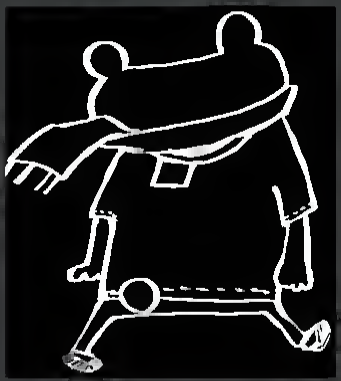
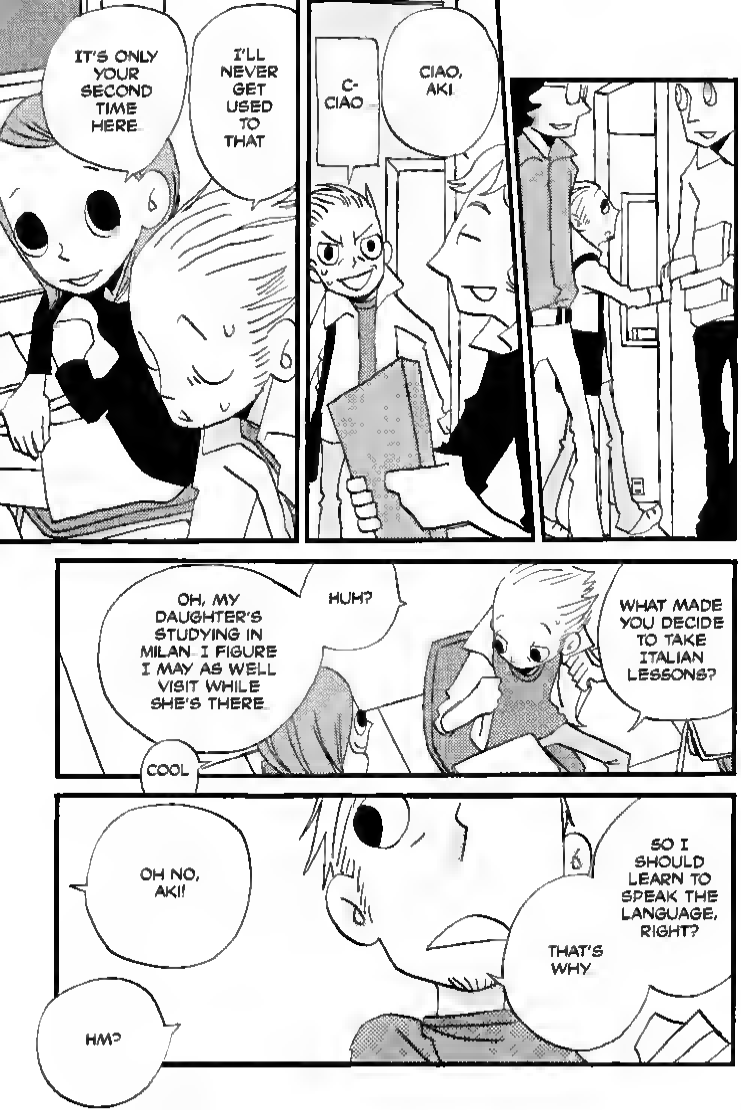
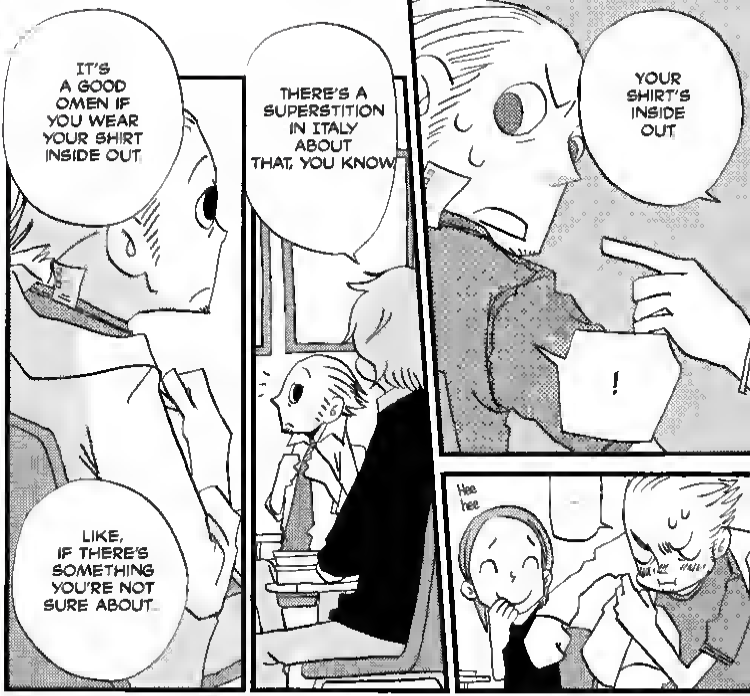


INSIDE OUT
SO YOUR WIFE'S VISITING YOUR DAUGHTER?
WHEN IS SHE COMING BACK?

Auto
Inspection
Service
Sale
Goal
30
30
Day
5
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
THIS WEEK-END
...OR A MONTH FROM NOW
NAH, I DON'T HAVE TO HEAR HER NAG IT'S PEACEFUL
MUST BE LONELY WITHOUT YOUR WIFE FOR A MONTH, AKI.
YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?
SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO COME BACK THIS WEEKEND.
BUT SINCE MY DAUGHTER'LL BE BACK IN A MONTH FOR A LITTLE BIT...
...SHE MIGHT COME BACK WITH HER THEN INSTEAD.
WANNA GET A DRINK, AKI?
Yoshinobu Abe
Aki Yamamoto
Kohei Yoshihara
Kazuo Tanaka
NAH, I GOTTA GET TO CLASS
CLASS?


IT'S ONLY YOUR SECOND TIME HERE.
I'LL NEVER GET USED TO THAT
C-CIAO
CIAO, AKI
OH, MY DAUGHTER'S STUDYING IN MILAN. I FIGURE I MAY AS WELL VISIT WHILE SHE'S THERE.
HUH?
WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO TAKE ITALIAN LESSONS?
COOL
OH NO, AKI!
SO I SHOULD LEARN TO SPEAK THE LANGUAGE, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHY
HM?


IT'S A GOOD OMEN IF YOU WEAR YOUR SHIRT INSIDE OUT.
THERE'S A SUPERSTITION IN ITALY ABOUT THAT, YOU KNOW.
YOUR SHIRT'S INSIDE OUT.
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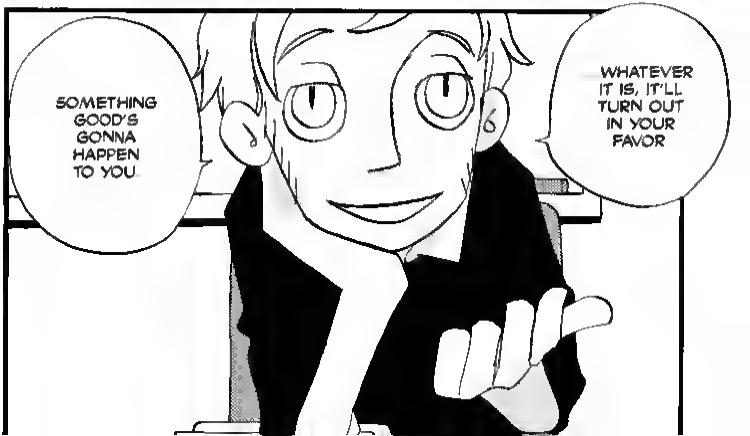
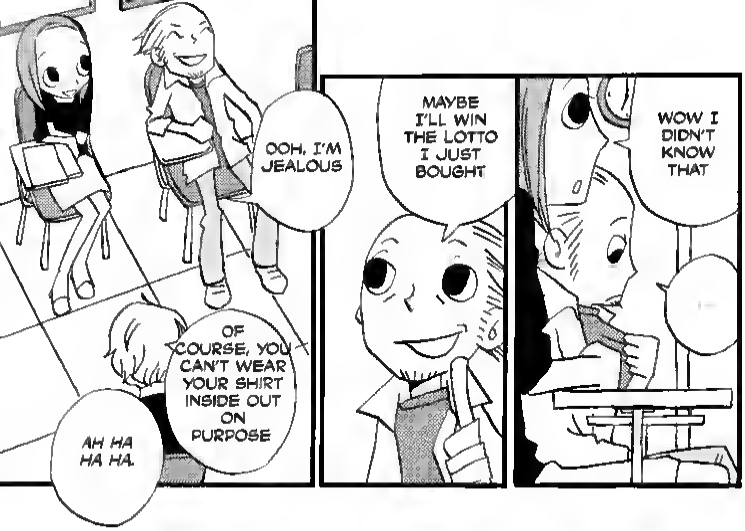
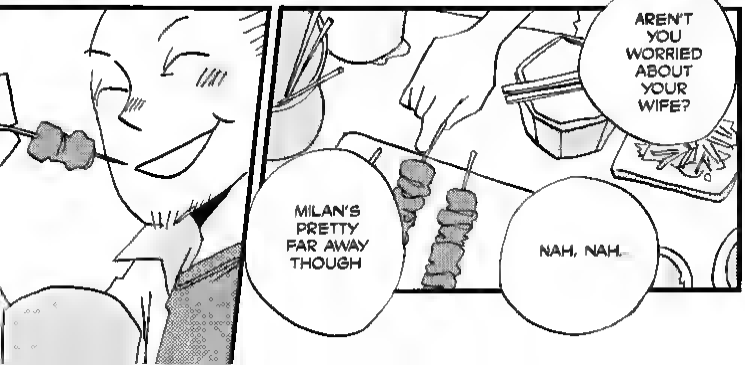
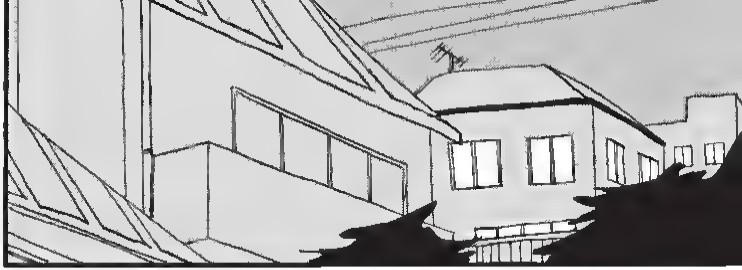
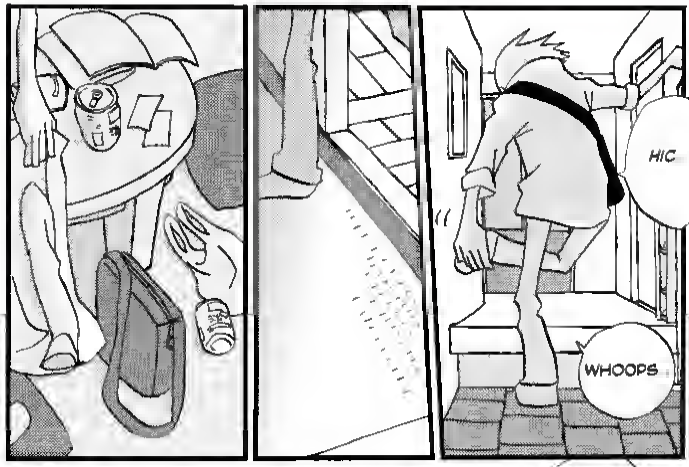
LIKE, IF THERE'S SOMETHING YOU'RE NOT SURE ABOUT...
Hee hee

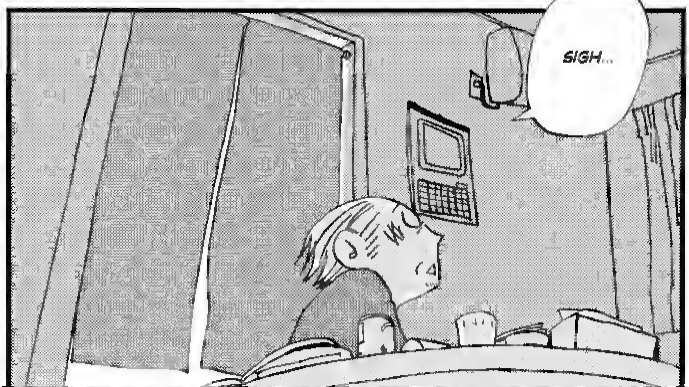

SOMETHING GOOD'S GONNA HAPPEN TO YOU.
WHATEVER IT IS, IT'LL TURN OUT IN YOUR FAVOR


WOW I DIDN'T KNOW THAT
MAYBE I'LL WIN THE LOTTO I JUST BOUGHT
OOH, I'M JEALOUS
OF COURSE, YOU CAN'T WEAR YOUR SHIRT INSIDE OUT ON PURPOSE
AH HA HA HA.


AREN'T YOU WORRIED ABOUT YOUR WIFE?
MILAN'S PRETTY FAR AWAY THOUGH
NAH, NAH.




HIC...
WHOOPS...


SIGH...

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO CLEAN
PRRR-NC

WHO IS THIS?
YEAH?
OKAY, OKAY...
AH, YOU'RE DRUNK.
OH.
IT'S YOU.

ARE YOU DOING ALL RIGHT ON YOUR OWN?
THEN I CAN TRUST YOU TO TAKE CARE OF THE HOUSE, RIGHT? FOR A WHOLE MONTH?
OF COURSE!
JUST KIDDING!
I'LL BE BACK THIS WEEKEND

HM?
HEH. I MISS JAPAN
HARUNA SAID SHE'LL BE COMING BACK BY HERSELF NEXT MONTH.
MM
IT'S NICE OVER HERE
I WISH YOU WERE HERE TOO.
WELL, I COULDN'T GET THE TIME OFF WORK
IT'S REALLY TOO BAD.
I'M GONNA GO
THIS PHONE CALL ISN'T CHEAP, YOU KNOW

...
I SHOULD TAKE A BATH.

SOMETHING'LL TURN OUT IN MY FAVOR, HUH?

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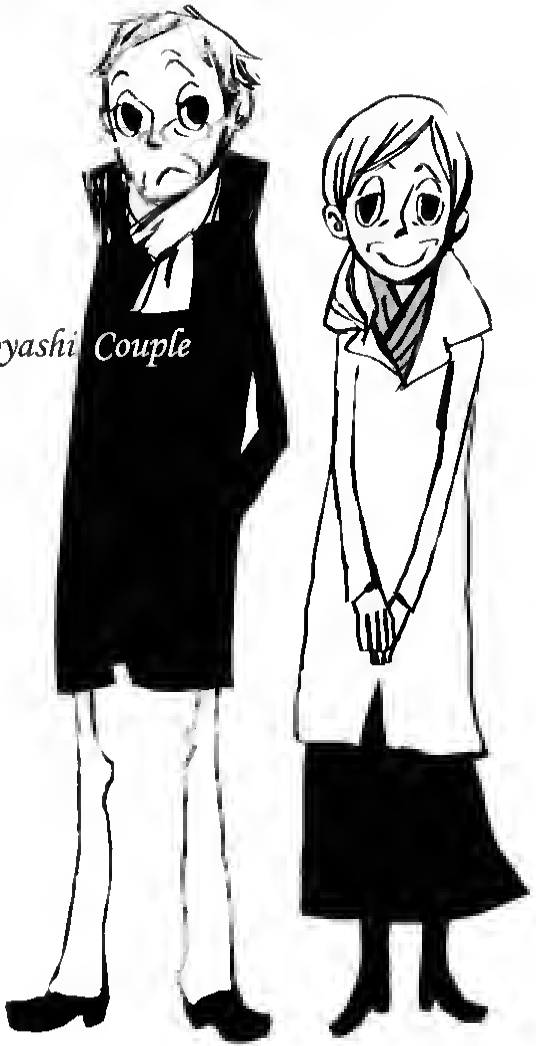
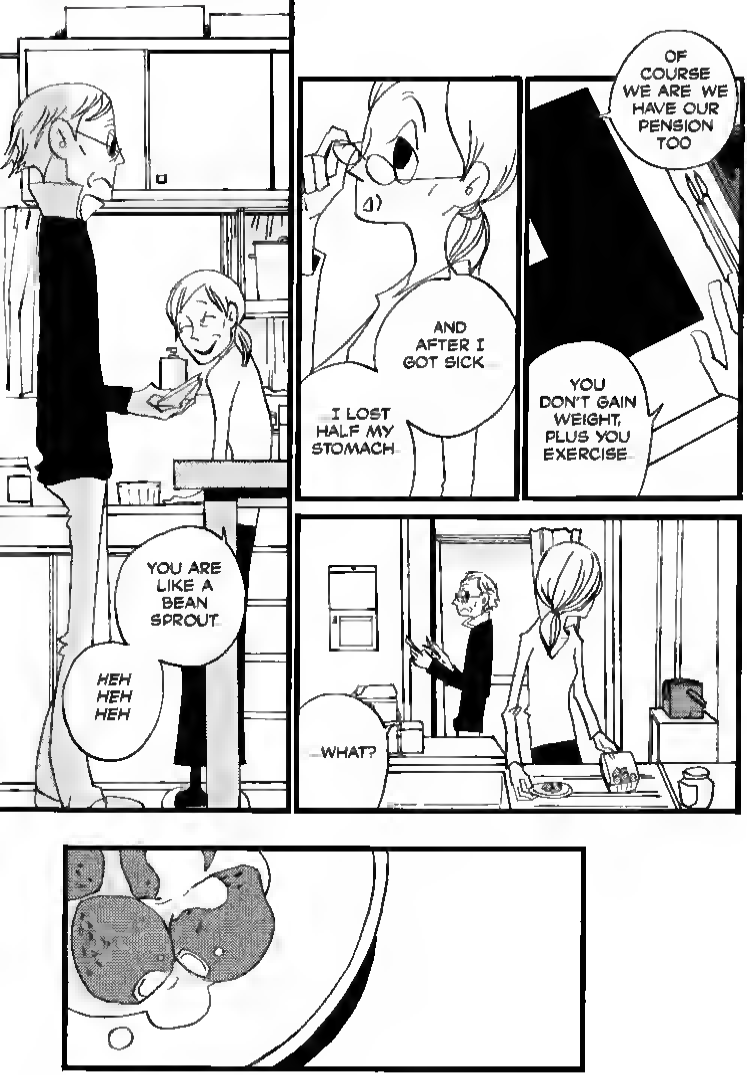
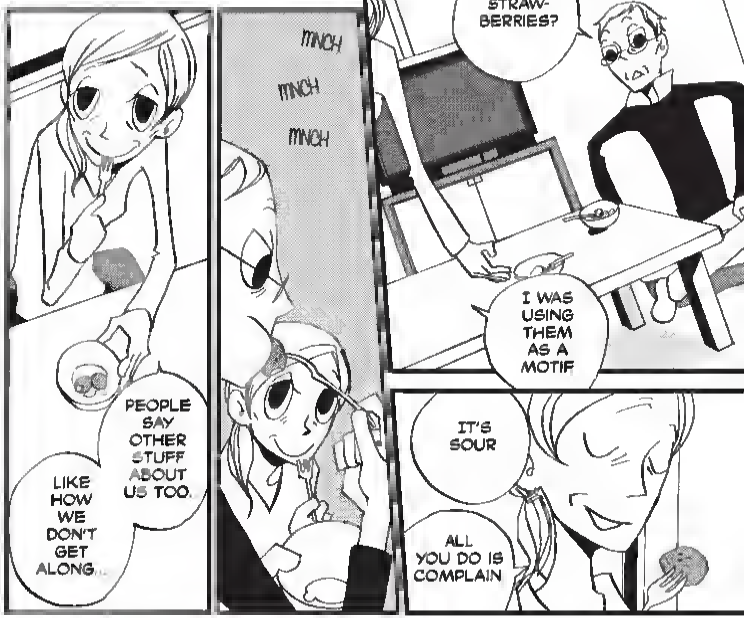
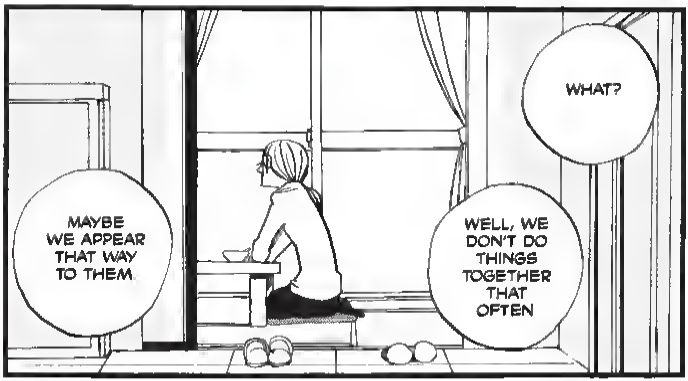
Moyashi Couple

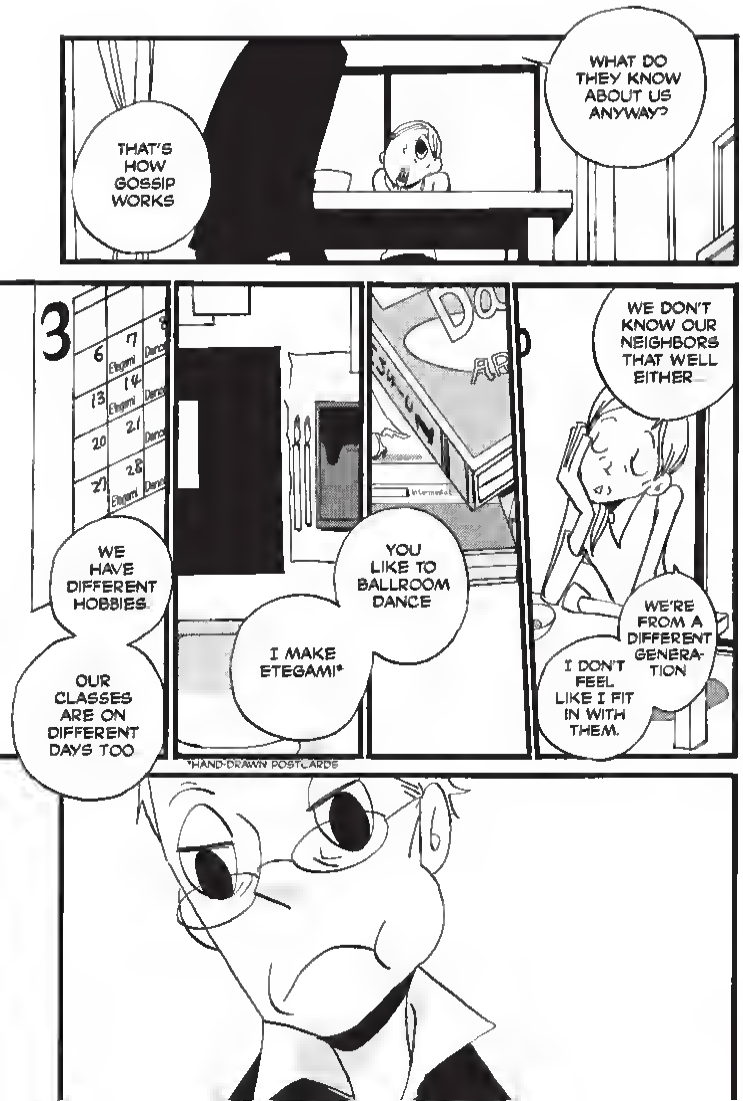


"MOYASHI" COUPLE"..
BEAN SPROUT
WHAT?
THEY'RE WORRIED ABOUT US
LIKE IF WE'RE EATING PROPERLY
OUR NEIGHBORS, I MEAN
WELL, THAT'S RUDE
THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL US


OF COURSE WE ARE WE HAVE OUR PENSION TOO
YOU DON'T GAIN WEIGHT, PLUS YOU EXERCISE
AND AFTER I GOT SICK
I LOST HALF MY STOMACH
WHAT?
YOU ARE LIKE A BEAN SPROUT
HEH HEH HEH


STRAW-BERRIES?
I WAS USING THEM AS A MOTIF
IT'S SOUR
ALL YOU DO IS COMPLAIN
MNCH
MNCH
MNCH
PEOPLE SAY OTHER STUFF ABOUT US TOO.
LIKE HOW WE DON'T GET ALONG...


WHAT?
MAYBE WE APPEAR THAT WAY TO THEM.
WELL, WE DON'T DO THINGS TOGETHER THAT OFTEN

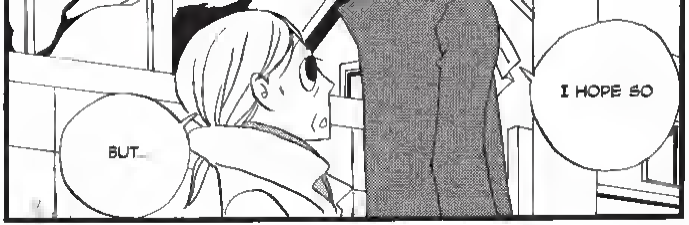

WHAT DO THEY KNOW ABOUT US ANYWAY?
THAT'S HOW GOSSIP WORKS
WE DON'T KNOW OUR NEIGHBORS THAT WELL EITHER...
WE'RE FROM A DIFFERENT GENERATION
I DON'T FEEL LIKE I FIT IN WITH THEM.
YOU LIKE TO BALLROOM DANCE
I MAKE ETEGAMI*
WE HAVE DIFFERENT HOBBIES.
OUR CLASSES ARE ON DIFFERENT DAYS TOO
*HAND-DRAWN POST CARDS

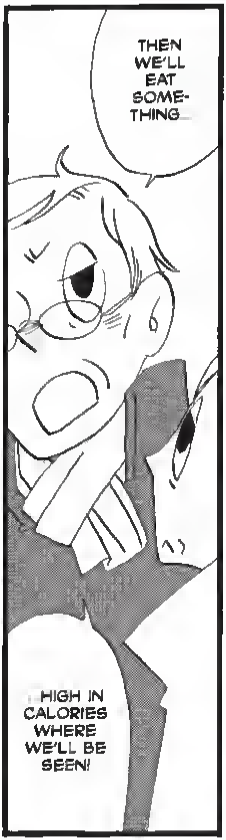
LET'S GO
HUH?
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
OUT
THIS IS PROBABLY THE COLD SPELL THAT USUALLY COMES BEFORE SPRING
HUH, DEAR?
HACHOO!

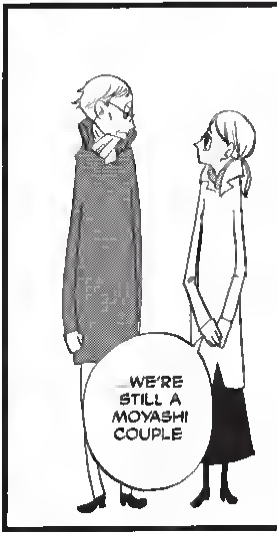
YOU WALK SLOW, SO YOU'LL GET LEFT BEHIND ON A TOUR
VROOM
MAYBE WE SHOULD TAKE A TRIP TOGETHER IN THE SPRING-TIME
IT COULD EVEN BE A GROUP TOUR
?
SOME PEOPLE CAN TELL.
HM?
DO WE LOOK LIKE WE GET ALONG JUST BY WALKING TOGETHER?

HOW?
BUT YOU KNOW
WELL, YOU WALK WITH A SWAGGER
YOU WALK AT A QUICK PACE BECAUSE YOU'RE IMPATIENT
SOME OF OUR NEIGHBORS SAY THAT.
ABOUT YOU
BUT YOU'RE WALKING AT MY PACE TODAY
SO PEOPLE WHO KNOW US CAN TELL, RIGHT?
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK. AS LONG AS I KNOW, THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS

NO.
WE ARE OUT TAKING A WALK TO BE SEEN
A FEW PEOPLE SAW US AL READY
THEY NEED TO THINK WE GET ALONG
THEY WON'T THINK WE DON'T GET ALONG ANYMORE


BUT...
I HOPE SO


THEN WE'LL EAT SOME-THING...
...HIGH IN CALORIES WHERE WE'LL BE SEEN!


...WE'RE STILL A MOYASHI COUPLE

Caffe OKO

Like two of a kind
They're so skinny

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I WAS CAPTURING THE IMAGE IN MY MIND
DON'T JUST STARE AT IT
EAT IT IT'S GOOD
MGH MGH
IT'S TOO SWEET
I THINK I'LL DRAW AN ETEGAMI OF IT
Just before spring Strawberry Parfait in the freezing cold
But together Our hearts are warm

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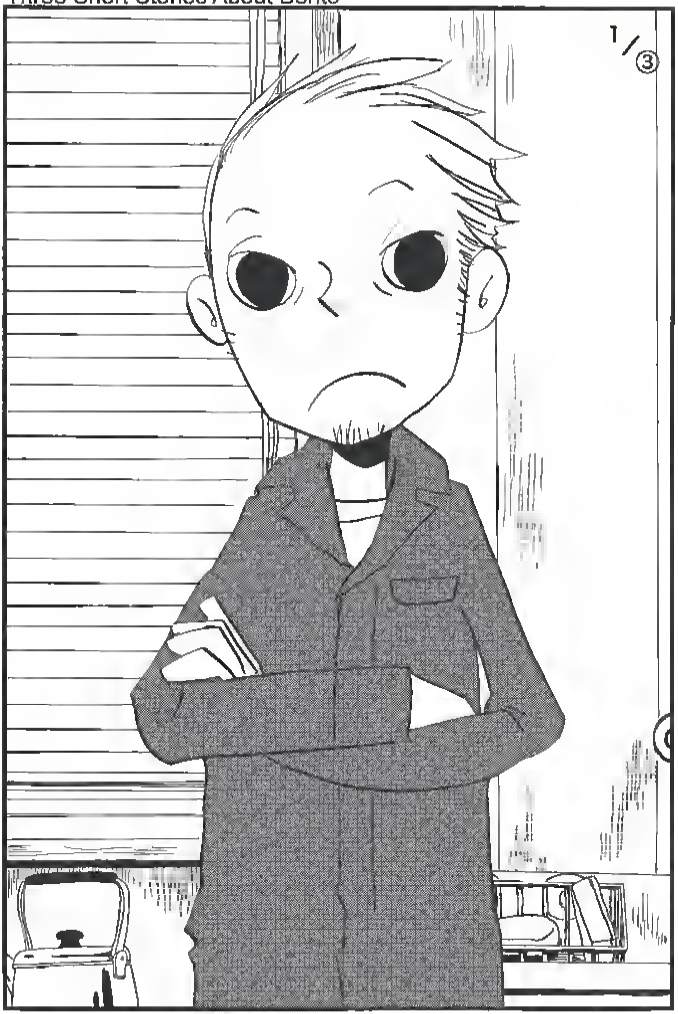
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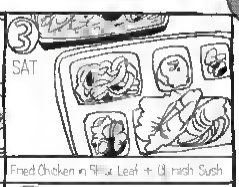
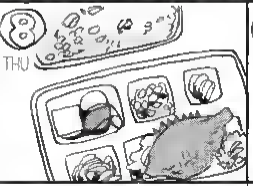
Sweet & Sour Fried Chicken + Chawanmush

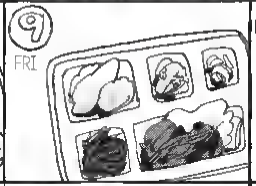
Sweet & Sour Pork + Salty Sweet Atsuage



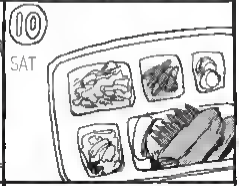
Fried Chicken in [illegible] Leaf + Ohirash Sush



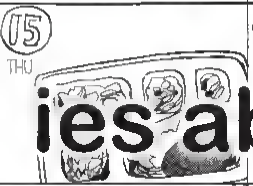
Fried Flounder + seasoned Rice



Twice Cooked Pork + Carrot Miso Kinpira



Grilled Pacific Saury + Pork Salad



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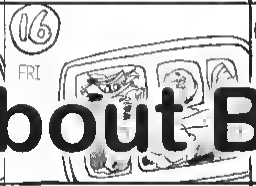
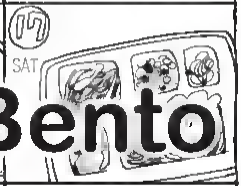


Fried Shrimp with Tartar Sauce + Lotus Root Salad



Potato Cheese Croquette + Marinated Fried Saury

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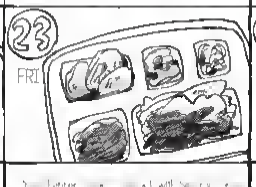
Salmon with Rice + Chicken Teriyaki



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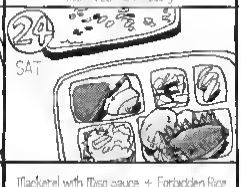
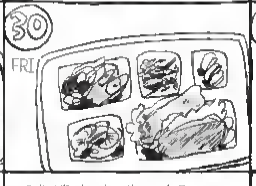


Mackerel with Miso sauce + Forbidden Rice

Three-colored Rice + Sweet & Sour Meatballs



Grilled Mackerel + Vegetable Tempura

Spring Rolls + Shrimp with Tomato Chili Sauce

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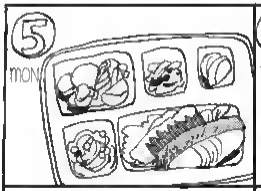
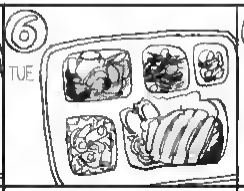
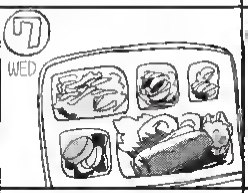
March Menu



Grilled Salmon + Nikujaga

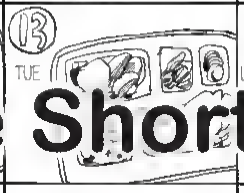


Tonkatsu + Basil Chicken

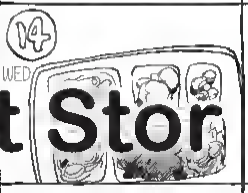


Grilled Pacific Saury + Chicken Salad

Fried Horse Mackerel + Daikon Dengaku

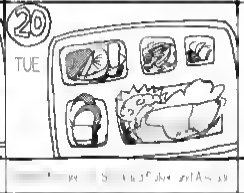


Grilled Spanish Mackerel + Spring Vegetables



Spicy Fried Octopus + Macaroni Au Gratin

Grilled Mackerel + Chinese Stir Fry



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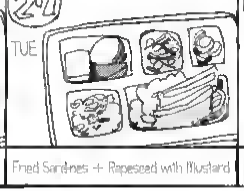
Fried Stuffed Lotus Root + Mirin-Broth Mackerel



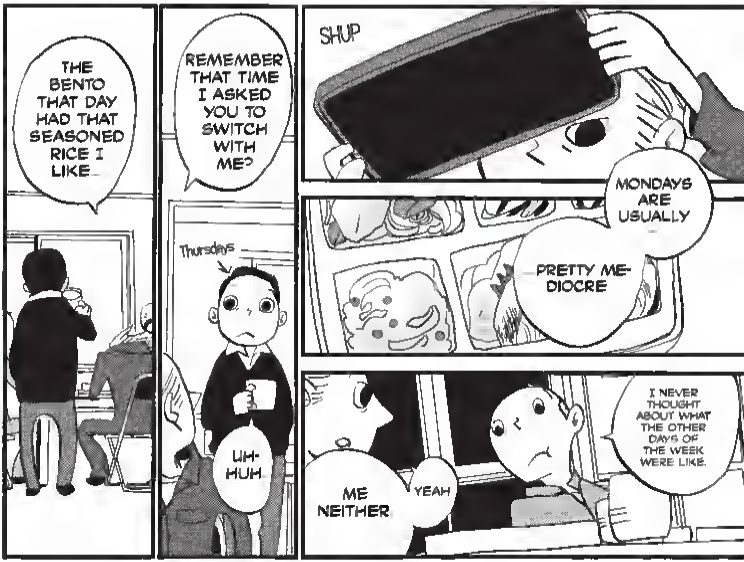
Fried Sardines + Rapeseed with Mustard

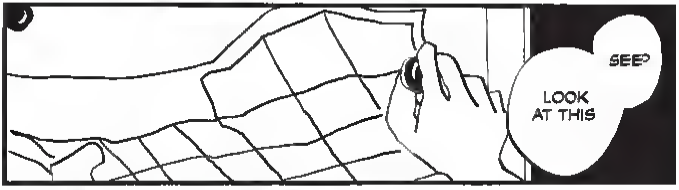
Curry-Flavored Horse Mackerel + Bean Salad

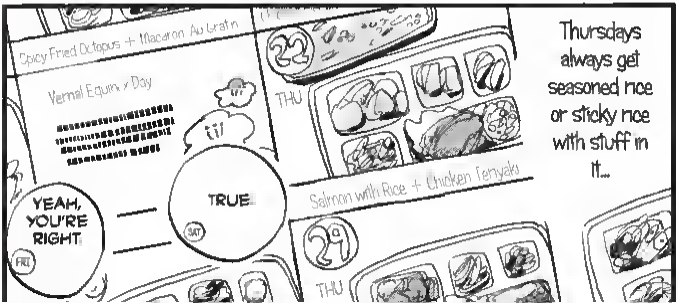
Three Short Stor

YOU KNOW THE DAILY BENTO SERVICE WE ORDER FROM.
OUT OF OBLIGATION?
WE'VE BEEN TAKING TURNS EATING THEIR STUFF EVERY DAY FOR OVER TEN YEARS NOW.
← Fridays
Saturdays →
In charge of Tuesdays →
← Mondays
IT'S JUST NOT FAIR.

OH
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I KINDA SEE IT TOO
10
SAT
Grilled Pacific Salmon
THERE'S A HUGE DISPARITY IN WHAT'S OFFERED EACH DAY
WHAT D'YOU MEAN?
TINCH TINCH
THEY PROBABLY DON'T CREATE THE MENU THINKING WE'RE ASSIGNED A CERTAIN DAY OF THE WEEK


THE BENTO THAT DAY HAD THAT SEASONED RICE I LIKE...
REMEMBER THAT TIME I ASKED YOU TO SWITCH WITH ME?
Thursdays
UH-HUH
SHUP
MONDAYS ARE USUALLY
PRETTY MEDIOCRE
I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT THE OTHER DAYS OF THE WEEK WERE LIKE.
YEAH
ME NEITHER


SEE?
LOOK AT THIS


Spicy Fried Octopus + Macaroni Au Gratin
Vernal Equinox Day
THU
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Salmon with Rice + Chicken Teriyaki
THU
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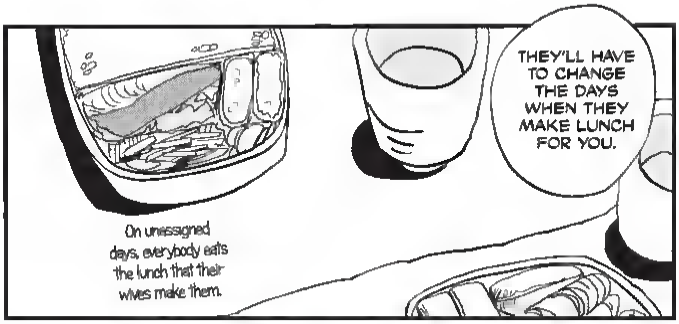
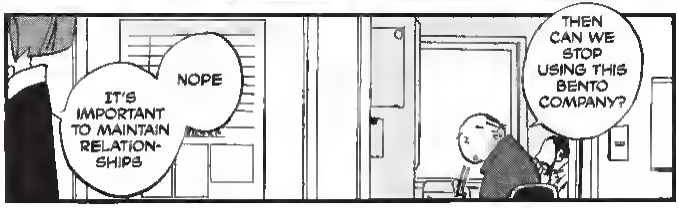
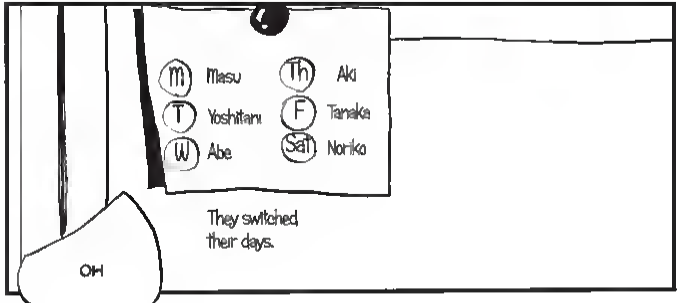
Thursdays always get seasoned rice or sticky rice with stuff in it...
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
FRI
TRUE.
SAT

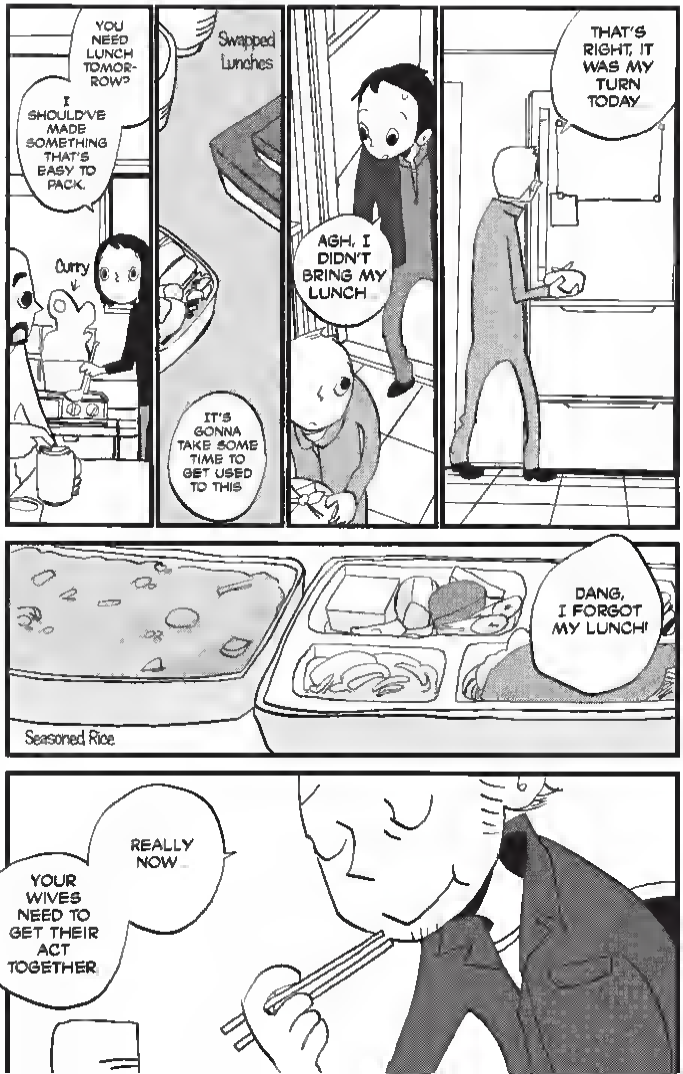
Kumayama Bento
THE OTHER DAYS USUALLY JUST INCLUDE PLAIN WHITE RICE
WANNA SWITCH DAYS?
I'M FINE WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE.
KNOWING THAT MAKES THINGS SEEM REALLY UNFAIR.
ME TOO
YOU GUYS DON'T HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT YOUR BENTO?
I'D LIKE BIGGER PORTIONS.
I WANT MORE VEGETABLES.
SO WE'D STILL HAVE ISSUES EVEN IF WE CHANGED OUR DAYS...
IF YOU GUYS CHANGE YOUR DAYS...
YOUR WIVES WILL END UP WITH THE PROBLEM
In charge of Wednesdays

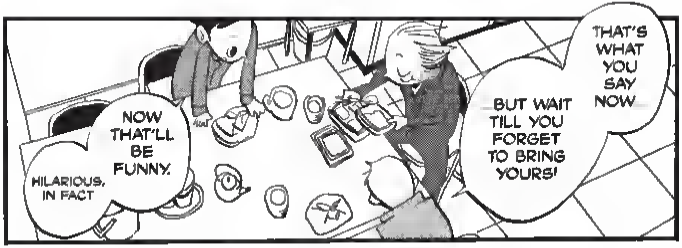

On unassigned days, everybody eats the lunch that their wives make them.
THEY'LL HAVE TO CHANGE THE DAYS WHEN THEY MAKE LUNCH FOR YOU.

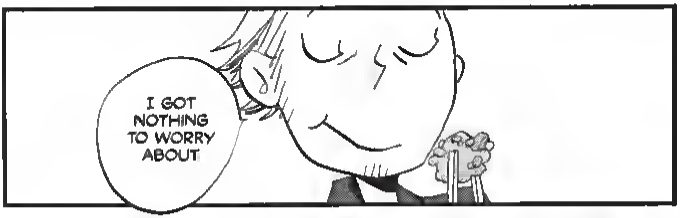
MNCH
MNCH

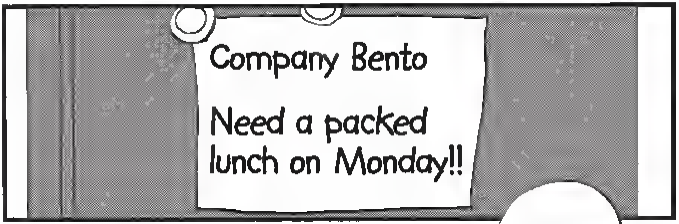

NOPE
IT'S IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN RELATION-SHIPS
THEN CAN WE STOP USING THIS BENTO COMPANY?


M Masu
T Yoshitaru
W Abe
Th Aki
F Tanaka
Sat Noriko
They switched their days.
OH

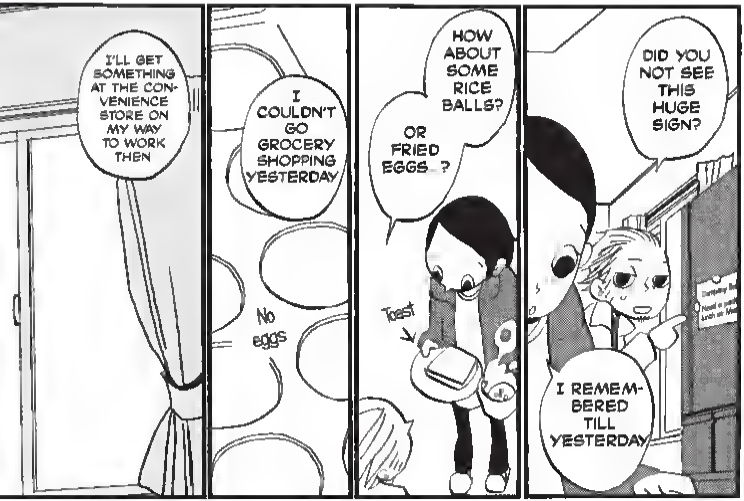

YOU NEED LUNCH TOMOR-ROW?
I SHOULD'VE MADE SOMETHING THAT'S EASY TO PACK.
Curry
Swapped Lunches
IT'S GONNA TAKE SOME TIME TO GET USED TO THIS
AGH, I DIDN'T BRING MY LUNCH
THAT'S RIGHT, IT WAS MY TURN TODAY
DANG, I FORGOT MY LUNCH!
Seasoned Rice
REALLY NOW
YOUR WIVES NEED TO GET THEIR ACT TOGETHER


THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY NOW
BUT WAIT TILL YOU FORGET TO BRING YOURS!
NOW THAT'LL BE FUNNY.
HILARIOUS, IN FACT

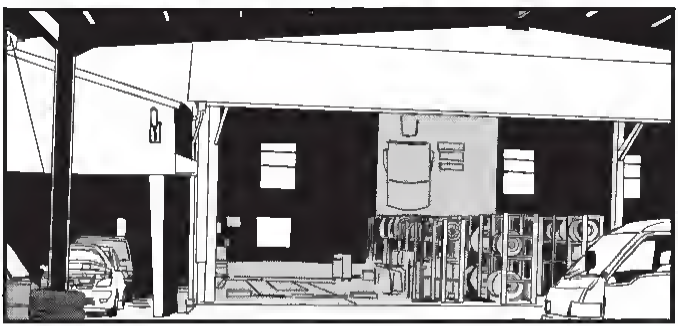

I GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT

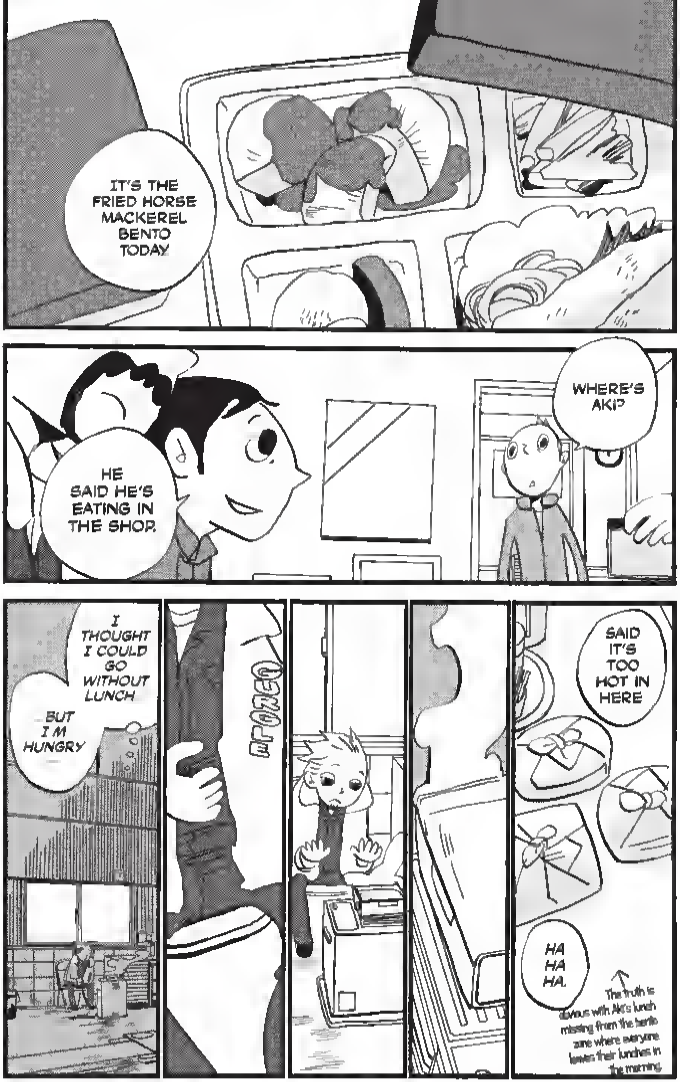

Company Bento
Need a packed lunch on Monday!!

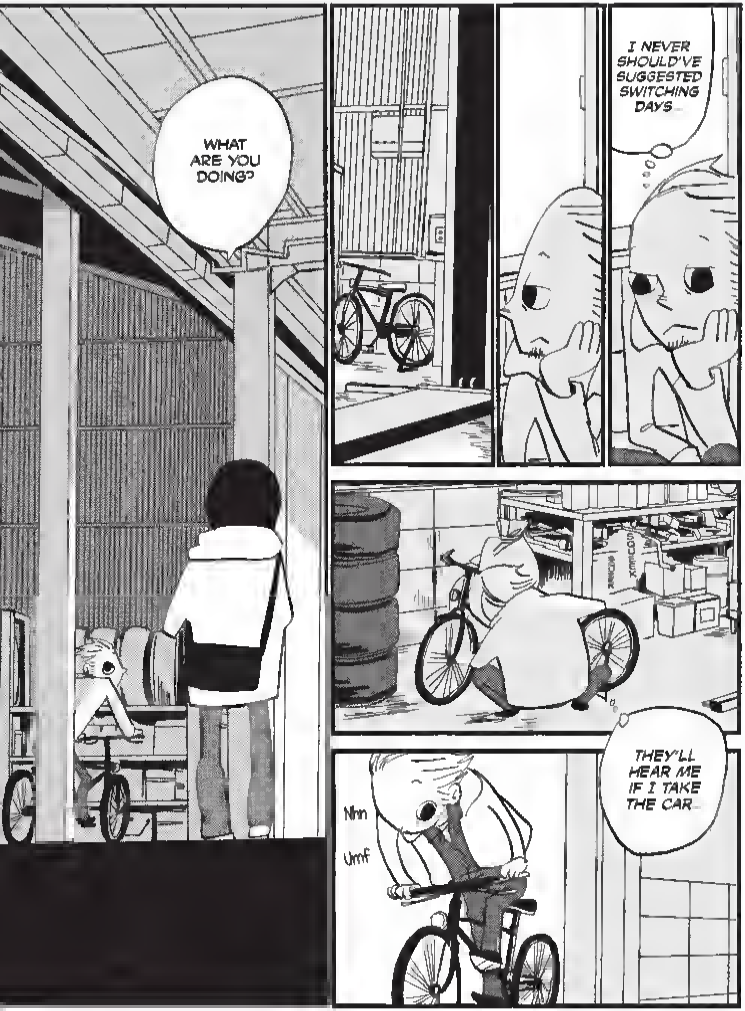
YOU FORGOT?
Mon-day Morn-ing
UH-HUH
IT SLIPPED MY MIND

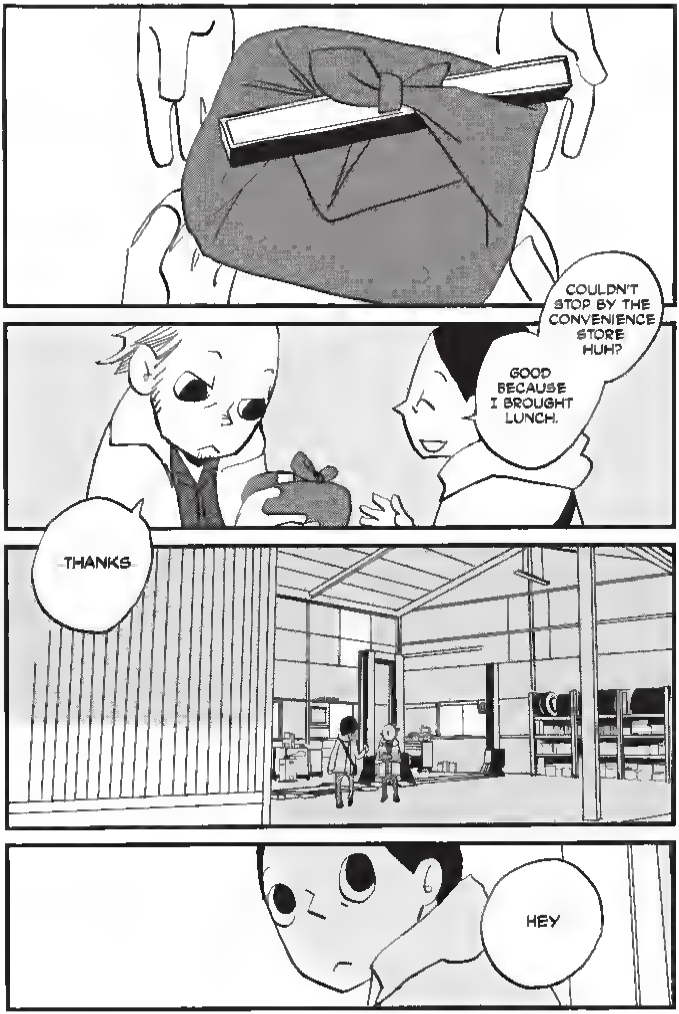

I'LL GET SOMETHING AT THE CONVENIENCE STORE ON MY WAY TO WORK THEN
I COULDN'T GO GROCERY SHOPPING YESTERDAY
No eggs
HOW ABOUT SOME RICE BALLS?
OR FRIED EGGS...?
Toast
DID YOU NOT SEE THIS HUGE SIGN?
I REMEMBERED TILL YESTERDAY

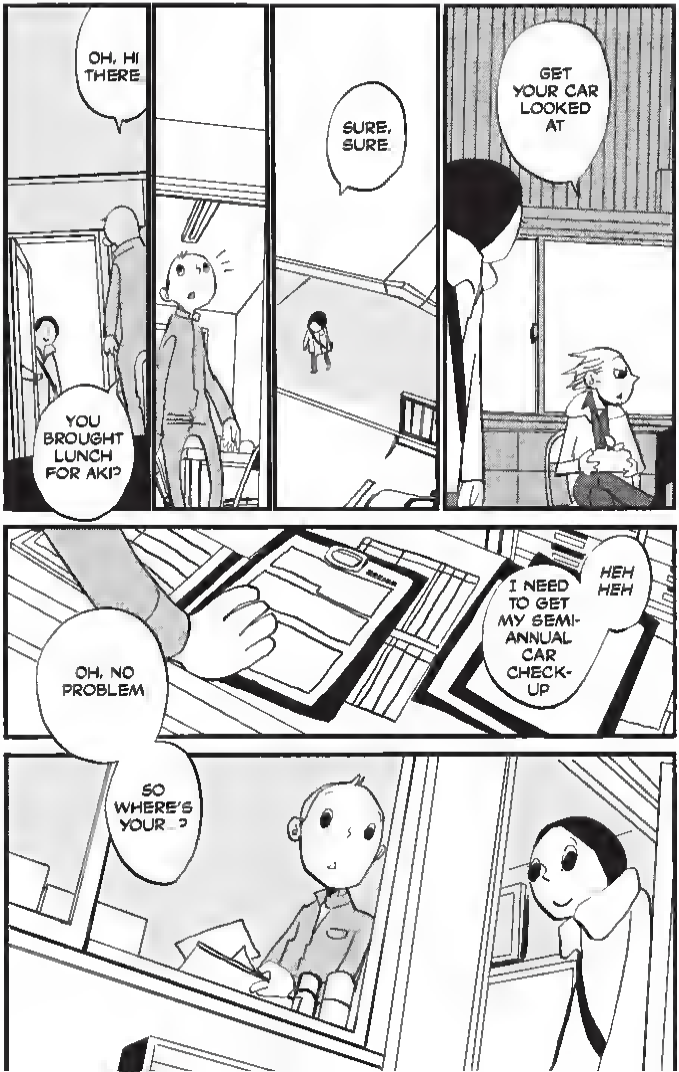
No time to stop by convenience store due to traffic jam...

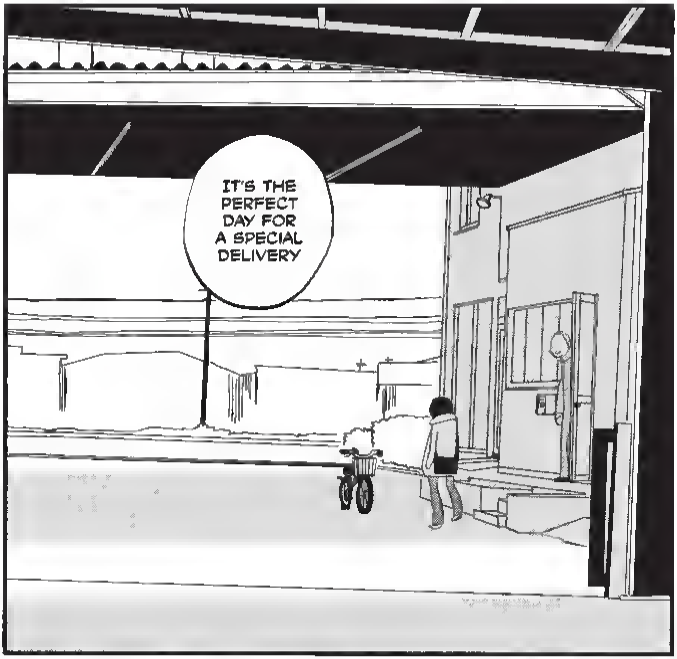


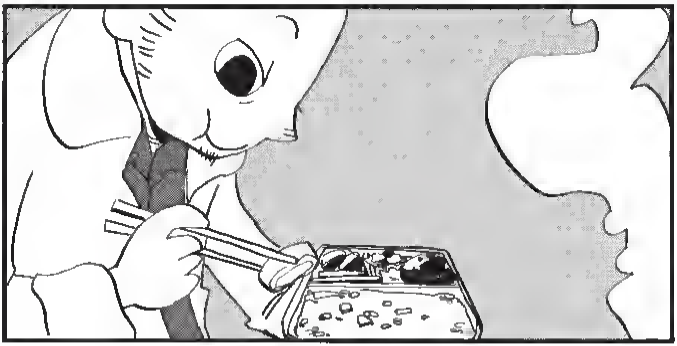

IT'S THE FRIED HORSE MACKEREL BENTO TODAY
WHERE'S AKI?
HE SAID HE'S EATING IN THE SHOP.
I THOUGHT I COULD GO WITHOUT LUNCH
BUT I'M HUNGRY
FROZEN
SAID IT'S TOO HOT IN HERE
HA HA HA.
The truth is obvious with Aki's lunch missing from the bento zone where everyone leaves their lunches in the morning.

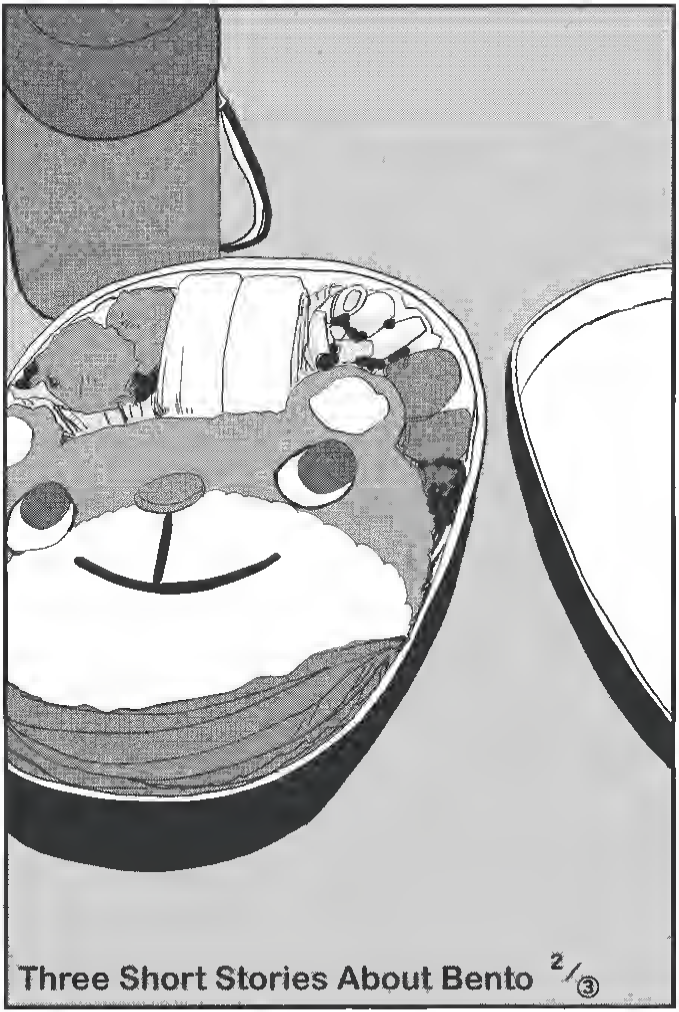

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I NEVER SHOULD'VE SUGGESTED SWITCHING DAYS...
THEY'LL HEAR ME IF I TAKE THE CAR...
Nhn
Umf


COULDN'T STOP BY THE CONVENIENCE STORE HUH?
GOOD BECAUSE I BROUGHT LUNCH.
THANKS
HEY


OH, HI THERE
YOU BROUGHT LUNCH FOR AKI?
SURE, SURE
GET YOUR CAR LOOKED AT
HEH HEH
I NEED TO GET MY SEMI-ANNUAL CAR CHECK-UP
OH, NO PROBLEM
SO WHERE'S YOUR...?


IT'S THE PERFECT DAY FOR A SPECIAL DELIVERY

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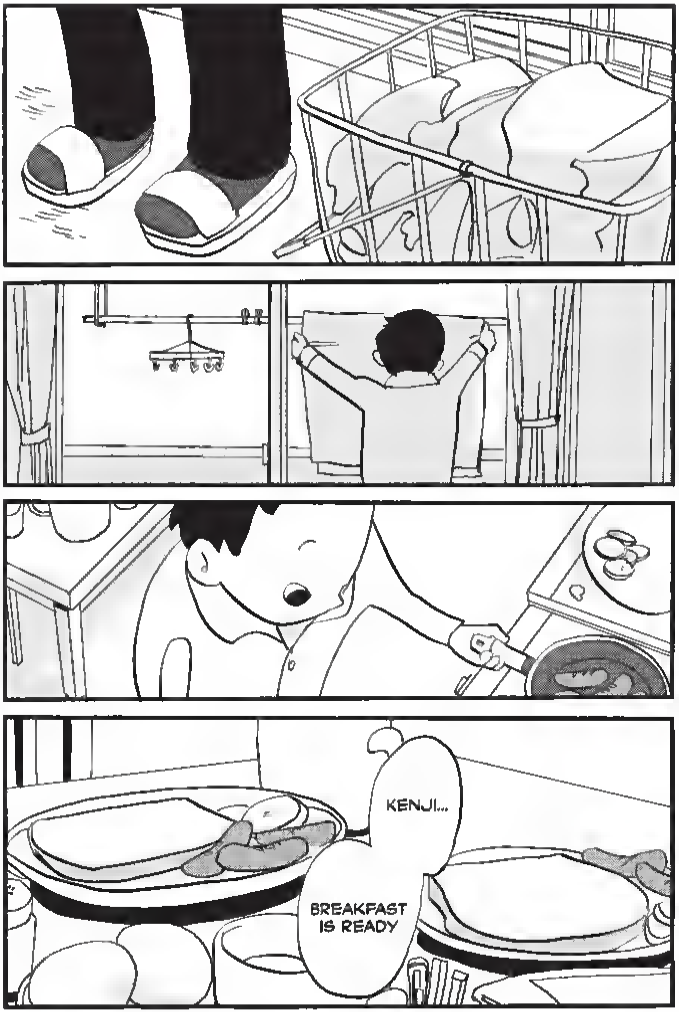
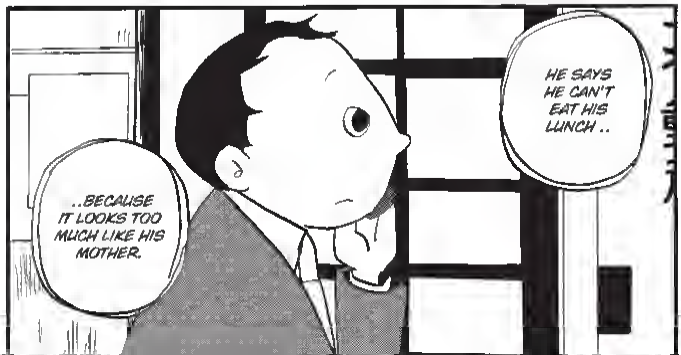

KENJI...
BREAKFAST IS READY

Dear Guardian
April 5th (Thursday)
We will be holding a Cherry Blossom-Viewing Party.
Please have your child bring a packed lunch and a beverage.
We are scheduled to view cherry blossoms at Mr. Yamada's house.
OKAY
GUESS WHAT, KENJI?
FOR YOUR BENTO TWO DAYS FROM NOW, I'LL MAKE WHATEVER DESIGN YOU WANT.

JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU'D LIKE.
A MANGA CHARACTER OR AN ANIME ONE...
ANY FACE YOU WANT.
OH
WHAT'S THAT?
WOW
I CAN MAKE ANYBODY'S FACE, SEE?
HAVE YOU DECIDED?

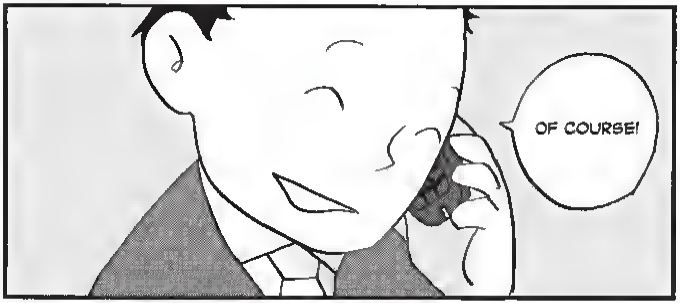
UH-HUH
MAKE ME MOMMY'S FACE
REALLY?
THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, HUH?
I WAS WORRIED YOU'D WANT SOME ANIME CHARACTER I DIDN'T KNOW.
...AND THEN I'D HAVE TO START BY FINDING A PHOTO OF IT.
I KNOW YOUR MOM'S FACE WELL, SO I'LL BE ABLE TO DO IT WITHOUT LOOKING AT ANYTHING
HA HA HA.

HELLO?
RING
CHINESE NOODLES
IS EVERY-THING ALL RIGHT?
WE'RE HAVING LUNCH RIGHT NOW...
...BUT KENJI ..


HE SAYS HE CAN'T EAT HIS LUNCH ..
..BECAUSE IT LOOKS TOO MUCH LIKE HIS MOTHER.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
CAN I SPEAK TO HIM?
MOMMY'S INSIDE MY BENTO!
DAD!
HA HA HA.
KENJI...
YOUR MOM WANTS TO BE WITH YOU
SHE WANTS TO BE WITH YOU ALWAYS, INSIDE YOUR TUMMY.

CAN I...
...KEEP MOMMY ALL TO MYSELF?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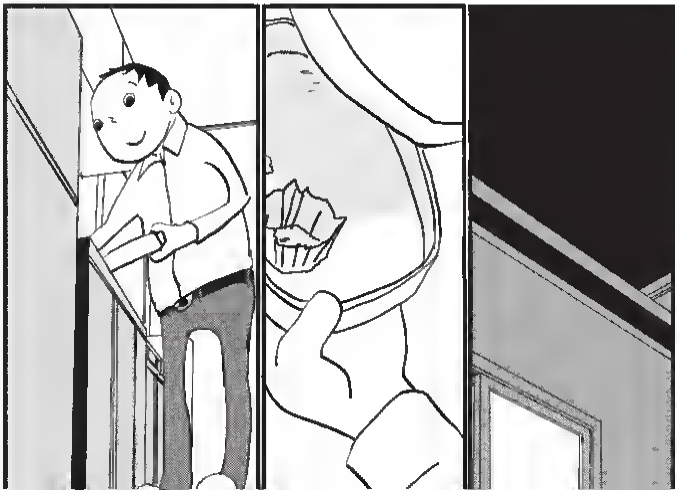
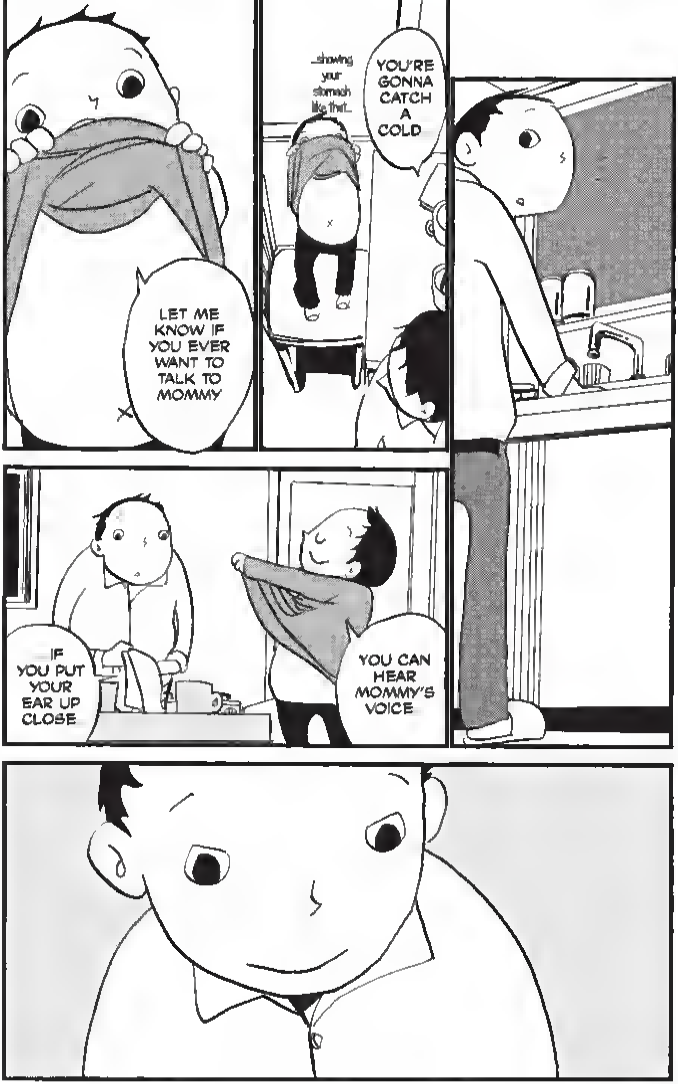
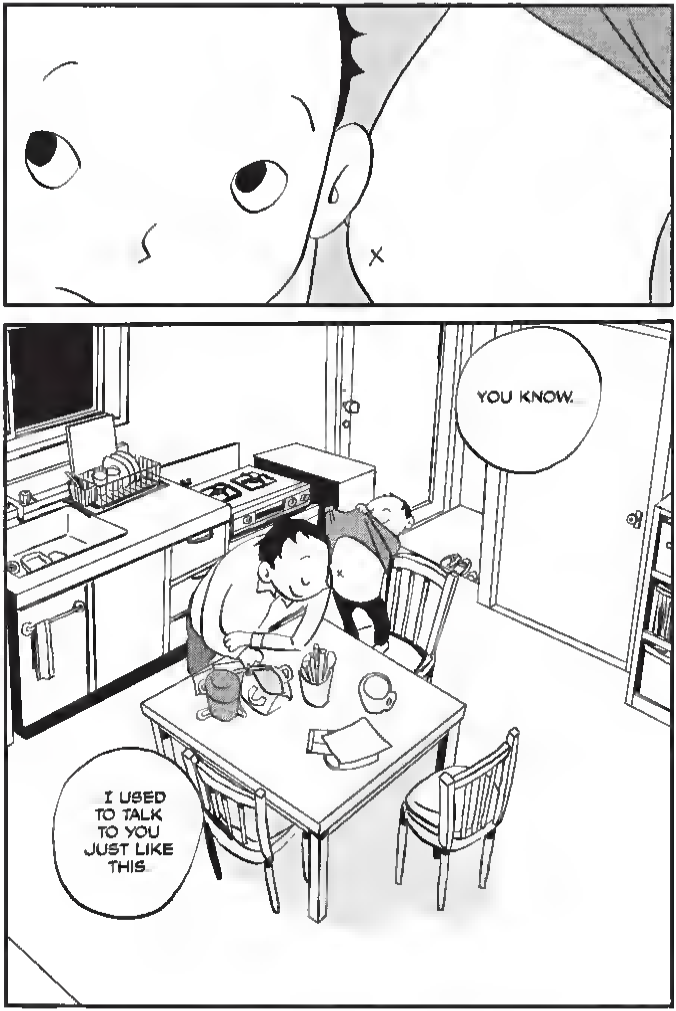



LET ME KNOW IF YOU EVER WANT TO TALK TO MOMMY
...showing your stomach like that...
YOU'RE GONNA CATCH A COLD
IF YOU PUT YOUR EAR UP CLOSE
YOU CAN HEAR MOMMY'S VOICE


YOU KNOW.
I USED TO TALK TO YOU JUST LIKE THIS.

Etegami Club
Spring Outdoor Class

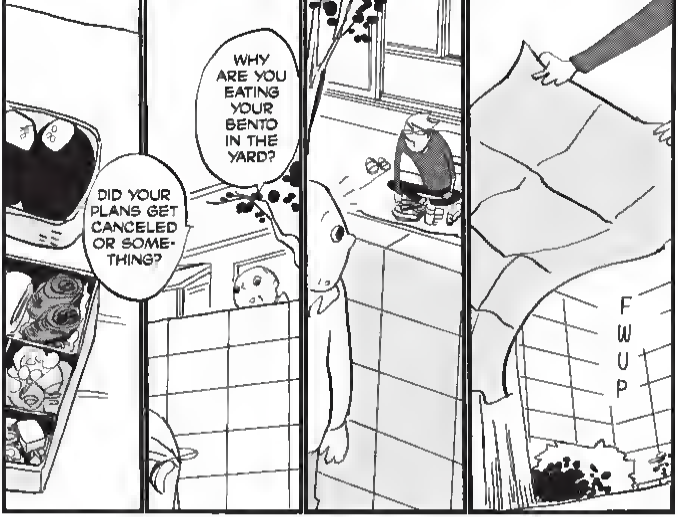
April 22nd (Sunday)
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Meeting Place:
Community Center
Parking Lot

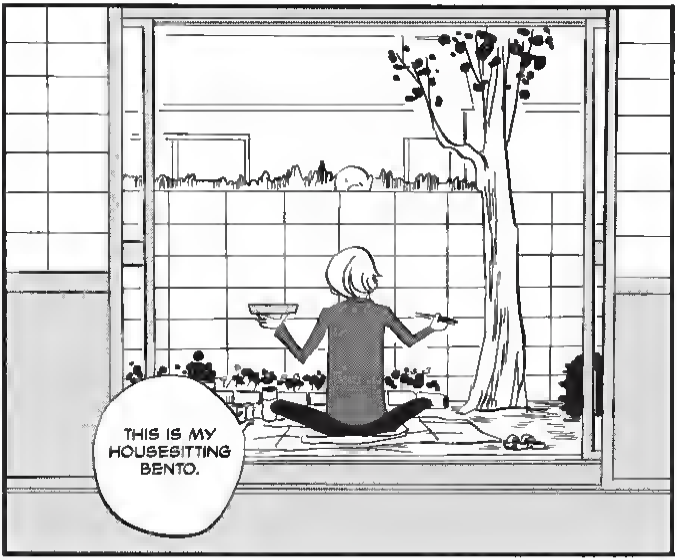
Shopping List

OKAY,
I'M GOING.

I'LL BE BACK BY FIVE.
YOU'LL BE FINE, RIGHT?
SHUP
SHUP
SHA
SHA
SHA
FWP
FWP
SHUP
SHUP

SHA
SHA
SHUP
SHUP
VROOM
SHA
SHA
SNP
SNP
SHE SAID SHE MADE CURRY
Here's your lunch.


WHY ARE YOU EATING YOUR BENTO IN THE YARD?
DID YOUR PLANS GET CANCELED OR SOMETHING?
FWUP


THIS IS MY HOUSESITTING BENTO.

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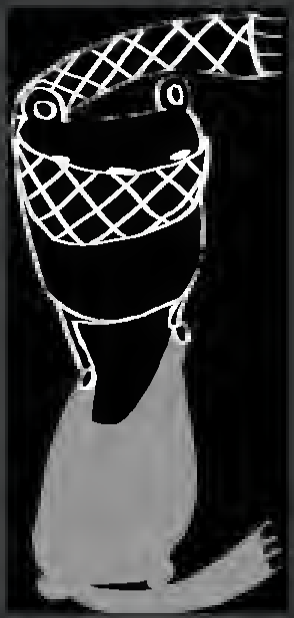
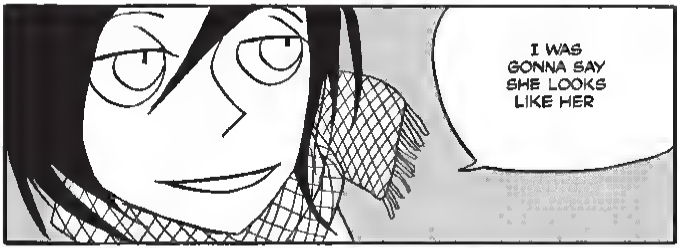
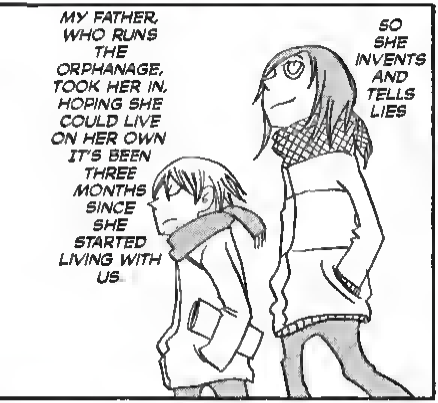
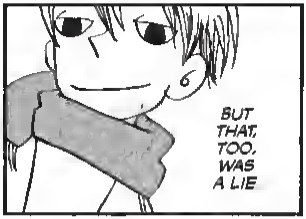


Eva's Memory

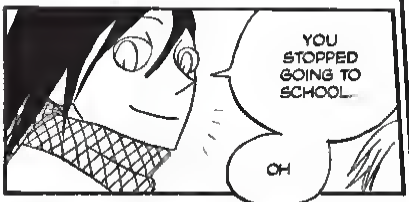
LOOK.
SHE INVENTS HER PAST.
THIS IS MY MOTHER
...
THAT ACTRESS DIED FORTY YEARS AGO.



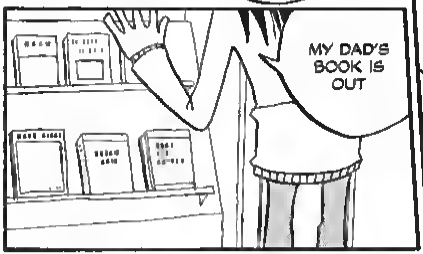

MY FATHER, WHO RUNS THE ORPHANAGE, TOOK HER IN, HOPING SHE COULD LIVE ON HER OWN
IT'S BEEN THREE MONTHS SINCE SHE STARTED LIVING WITH US.
SO SHE INVENTS AND TELLS LIES

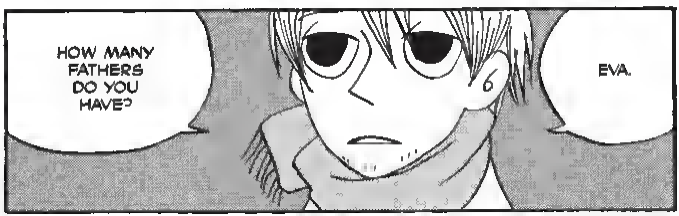


GROWING UP IN AN ORPHANAGE, SHE HAS NO MEMORY OF HER PARENTS
THEY BOTH DIED LEAVING HER NOTHING, NOT EVEN A PHOTO.

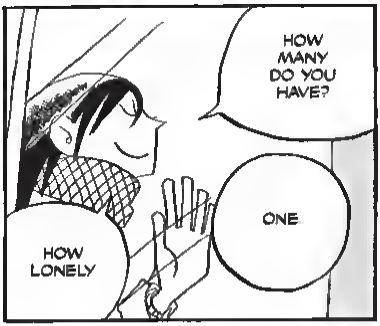

YOU STOPPED GOING TO SCHOOL.
OH

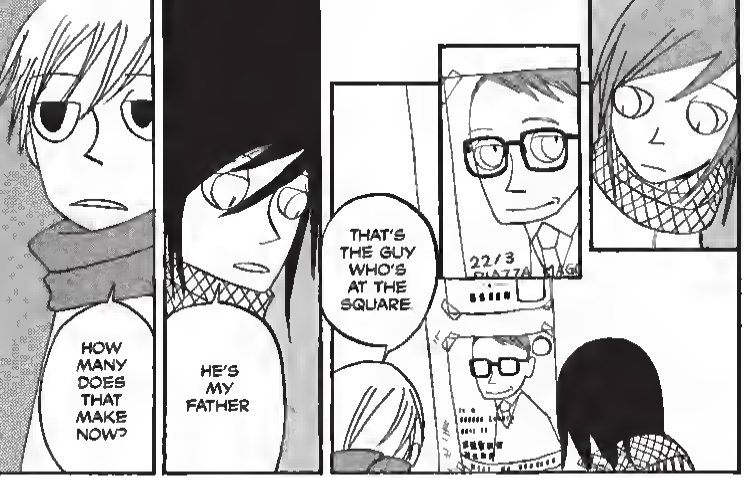
WHY DO YOU HATE POLITICIANS SO MUCH?
'CAUSE THEY NEVER SAY THE TRUTH.
YOU'VE BEEN KINDA STRANGE LATELY.


MY DAD'S BOOK IS OUT


HOW MANY FATHERS DO YOU HAVE?
EVA.

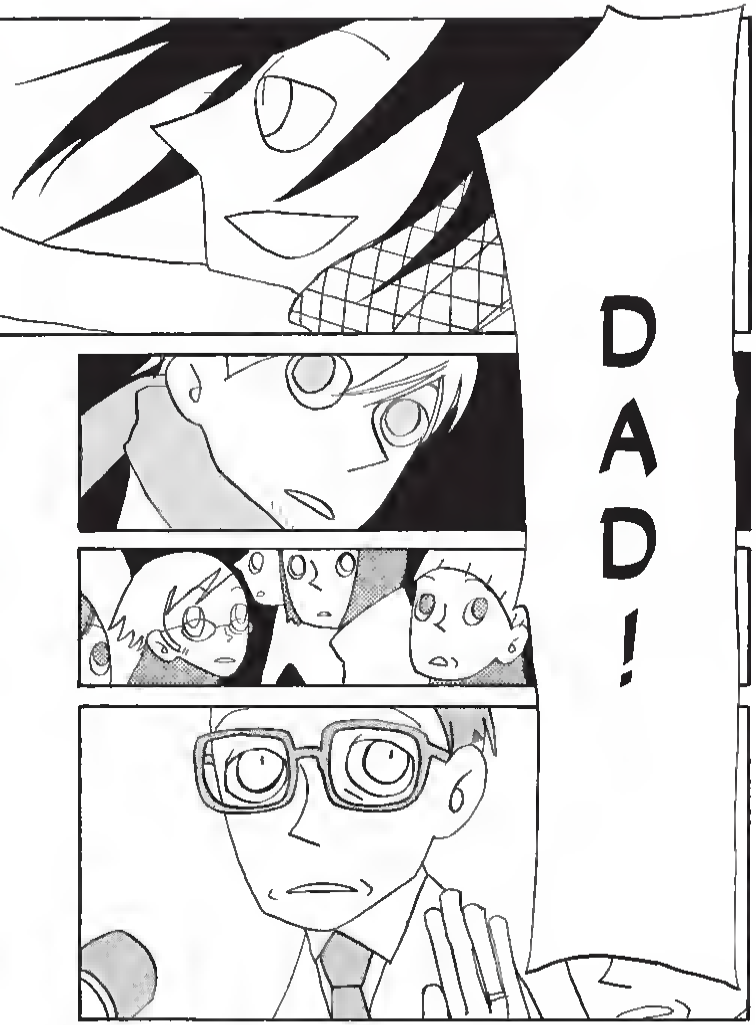
AREN'T YOU GONNA BUY IT?
EVEN-TUALLY.

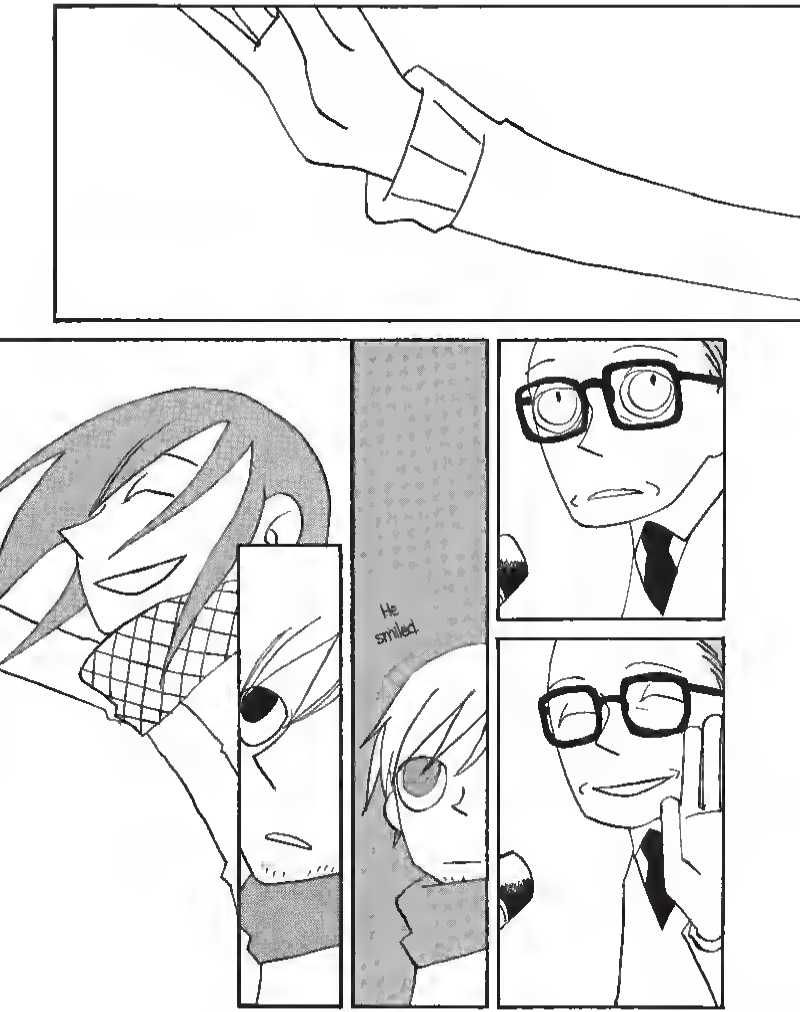

HOW MANY DO YOU HAVE?
ONE.
HOW LONELY


HOW MANY DOES THAT MAKE NOW?
HE'S MY FATHER
THAT'S THE GUY WHO'S AT THE SQUARE
22/3

HE'S MY DAD
LET'S GO

I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING
FINE, BUT JUST FOR A LITTLE WHILE
THANKS
A LITTLE GUY LIKE HIM?
HEY, PUT ME ON YOUR SHOULDERS
HAVE YOUR FRIEND CARRY YOU.


DAD!

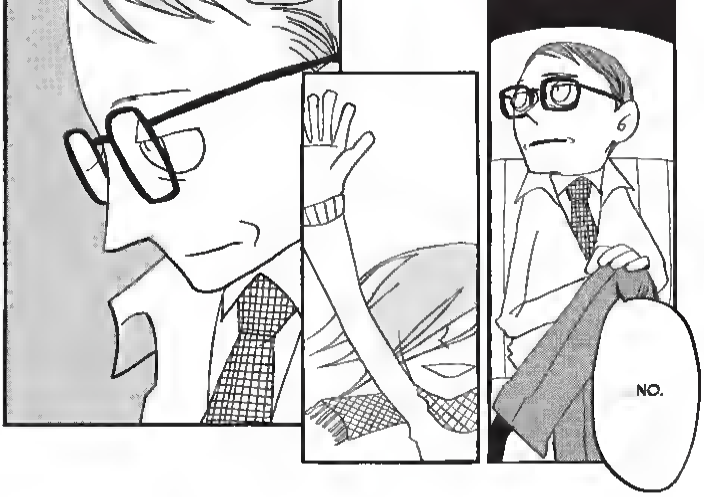

He smiled.

DAD, DO YOU SEE WHAT'S GOING ON OUTSIDE?
I'M DEALING WITH THEM ON THE PHONE TOO.
LOOK, SHE HAS SOME GAPS IN HER MEMORY
IT'S A HOBBY OF HERS TO FILL HER MIND
PLEASE DON'T MAKE THIS INTO A BIG THING JUST FORGET WHAT SHE SAID
GUESS IT'S NOT EASY BEING A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
SO IS THIS GUY EVA'S FATHER?

I HEARD SOMEWHERE THAT SHE DIDN'T KNOW WHO THE FATHER WAS
WHAT WAS SHE LIKE?
THEY SAY HER MOTHER DATED A LOT OF MEN
I DUNNO
EVA CAME TO THE ORPHANAGE WHEN SHE WAS TWO.
I DON'T THINK SHE REMEMBERS HER FATHER
YOU MEAN WHAT SHE LOOKED LIKE?
I THINK SHE RESEMBLED EVA.
THE SPITTING IMAGE OF HER, IN FACT
YOU SURE BOUGHT A LOT.

I DON'T WATCH TV. AND THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I BOUGHT A NEWSPAPER.
I DIDN'T KNOW MY FATHER WAS SO FAMOUS
HE'S HANDSOME
WHAT ABOUT THAT WRITER YOU MENTIONED EARLIER?
MAYBE
IS HE YOUR FATHER TOO?

I DON'T MIND YOU ASKING ME QUESTIONS, BUT PLEASE REFRAIN FROM INVADING HER PRIVATE LIFE.
I WAS TOLD SHE'S AN ORPHAN WITH NO MEMORIES OF HER PARENTS.
THE TV JUST HAP-PENED TO BE ON
THE NEWS? I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T INTERESTED IN POLITICS?
YOU SHOULD GO TO SCHOOL ONCE IN A WHILE.
DO YOU HAVE THAT GIRL'S CONTACT INFORMATION?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET HER?


NO.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE STUDYING TO BE A LAWYER?

DON'T JUST STAY STILL LIKE THAT START MOVING AHEAD
IT WAS POINT-LESS
THE MORE I LEARNED ABOUT THE WORLD, THE MORE I REALIZED...
POLITICIANS MANIPULATE THE LAW FOR THEIR OWN PERSONAL GAIN
IT'LL FEEL GOOD
I CAN'T.
WHAT ABOUT YOU?

I'M TOO CAUGHT UP IN THE PAST.
HE'D LIKE TO MEET YOU.
HE SAID NO REPORTERS
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO, EVA?
I WANNA MEET HIM.

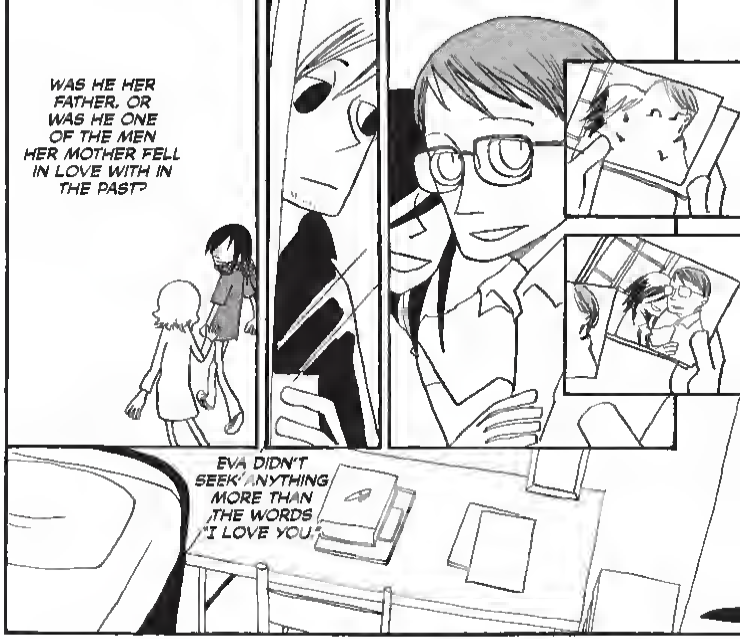
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR FATHER?
I HAVE NO MEMORY OF HIM.
UH-HUH.
I CUT THEM OUT
THOSE ARE ARTICLES ABOUT ME.
BUT AFTER SEEING YOU, I FEEL LIKE YOU MUST BE HIM
...
YOU CAN'T SEE HIS FACE BECAUSE OF THE LIGHT
PHOTO ...?
I ONLY HAVE ONE PHOTO OF HIM
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IT?

SOMEBODY WHO KNEW MY MOTHER SAID.
..I LOOK LIKE HER.
SIR, WE SHOULD BE GOING.
I'D LIKE TO HUG YOU LIKE YOUR FATHER WOULD HAVE
. THANKS.

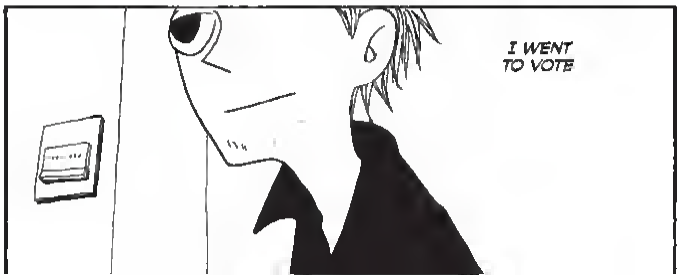
I WILL
CAN YOU STOP THE REPORTERS FROM DIGGING UP HER PAST AND PUBLISHING IT?
NO, THANK YOU
THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPOR-TUNITY
SO HER PARENTS ?
HER FATHER STABBED HER MOTHER AND THEN KILLED HIMSELF
THEY'RE DEAD.

I SEE
THANK YOU FOR TELLING ME
EVA...
HE TOLD ME HE LOVES ME.

I...
...REALLY WANTED TO HEAR THAT.
EVA'S PAST WASN'T MADE PUBLIC.
THE PUBLIC'S ATTENTION SHIFTED TOWARD THE CORRUPTION OF THE CURRENT PRIME MINISTER.
THERE WAS MORE THAN JUST ONE PHOTO ON HER DESK.


WAS HE HER FATHER, OR WAS HE ONE OF THE MEN HER MOTHER FELL IN LOVE WITH IN THE PAST?
EVA DIDN'T SEEK ANYTHING MORE THAN THE WORDS "I LOVE YOU."

I DON'T THINK HE'LL VISIT THIS HOUSE AGAIN


I WENT TO VOTE

EVERY TIME I COME TO THIS SQUARE. I REMEMBER EVA ON THAT DAY.
IT FELT GOOD SCREAMING IN THIS SQUARE, DIDN'T IT?
EVA STOPPED INVENTING HER PAST
SHE IS BEGINNING TO FEEL GOOD, MOVING FORWARD.
I'LL BE TAKING MY UNIVERSITY GRADUATION EXAMS THIS YEAR.

HE REALLY IS YOUR FATHER, ISN'T HE?
I WAS GOING TO SAY HE LOOKS LIKE HIM

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Eva's Memory
Eva's Memory (Dojinshi)
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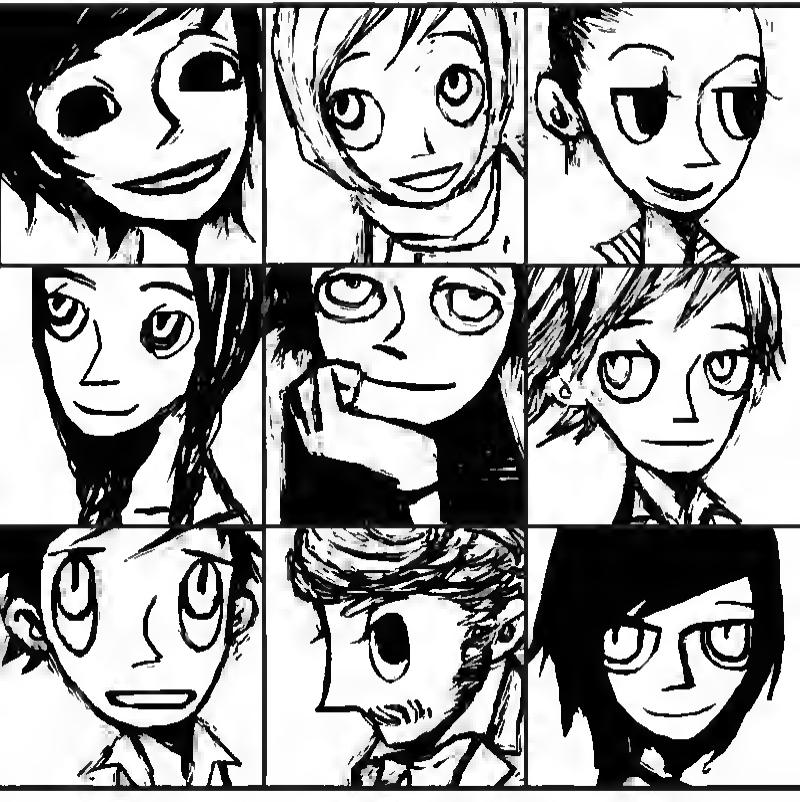

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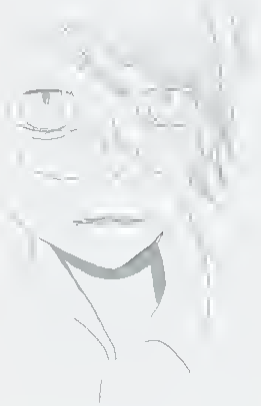
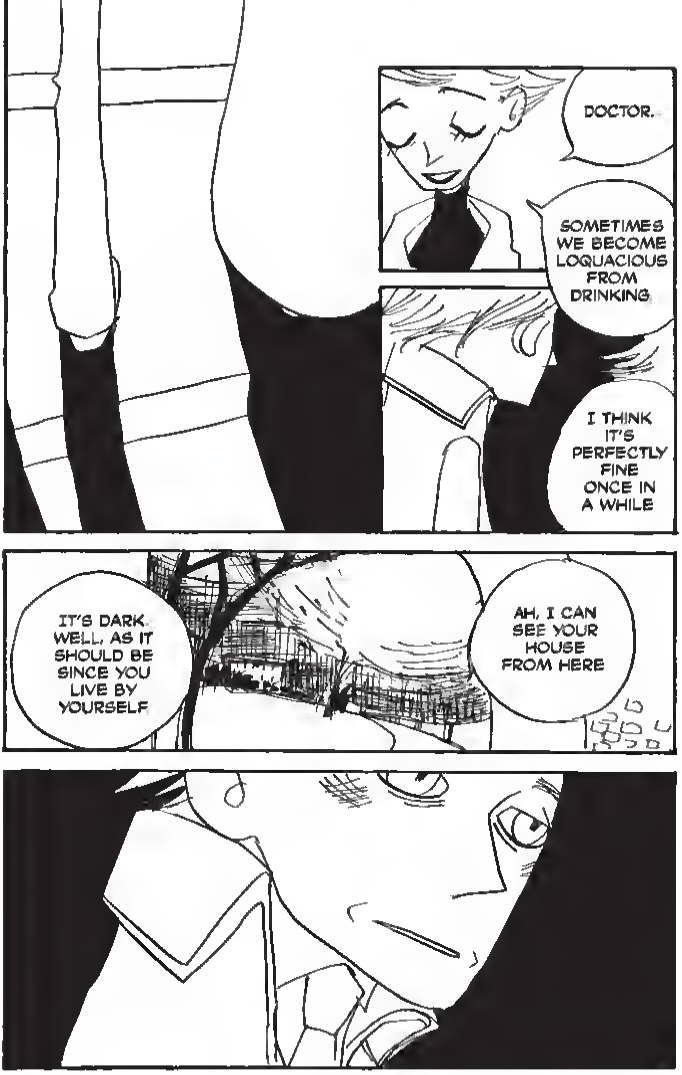


SOME DRUNKS ARE FIGHTING.
DRUNKS?
DON'T SLEEP ON THE STREETS ANYMORE, OLD MAN.
THAT'S THE DOCTOR.
HE CAN'T BE DRUNK.
OH, MAYBE HE IS.

DOCTOR
WE'LL GO TO THE OPERA NEXT TIME, JULIANO
MADAMA AZZURRA?
I'M WORRIED.
HUH?
I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU
LET ME WALK YOU HOME.
YOU ARE A GENTLEMAN EVEN WHEN YOU'RE DRUNK.
GOOD EVENING
OH HO HO
I DIDN'T THINK YOU DRANK THIS MUCH
LOOK AT YOUR TIE
OH.
SIGNORINA AZZURRA.

Allow me.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE BEEN TO YOUR HOME
I'M GRATEFUL FOR WHAT YOU DID FOR ME THEN
OH HO HO
BUT I MAY NEED A DRINK OF WATER WHEN WE ARRIVE AT YOUR HOUSE
THERE AREN'T ANY STREET LIGHTS HERE
THE MOONLIGHT IS BEAUTIFUL THOUGH
THIS HILL MUST BE TIRING FOR A SIGNORINA WHO DOESN T WALK THAT MUCH.
OH, NOT AT ALL.

YOU ARE STILL A YOUNG SIGNORINA.
HA HA HA.
BUT THANKS TO YOU, I'M THOROUGLY ENJOYING MY LIFE ...
...WITH NO WORRIES ABOUT MY AGE
IT'S HARD FOR PEOPLE TO BELIEVE ...
...HOW I USED TO BE ANTHRO-PHOBIC.
ARE YOU STILL PRACTICING FROM HOME?
...YES


DOCTOR.
SOMETIMES WE BECOME LOQUACIOUS FROM DRINKING
I THINK IT'S PERFECTLY FINE ONCE IN A WHILE
IT'S DARK. WELL, AS IT SHOULD BE SINCE YOU LIVE BY YOURSELF
AH, I CAN SEE YOUR HOUSE FROM HERE

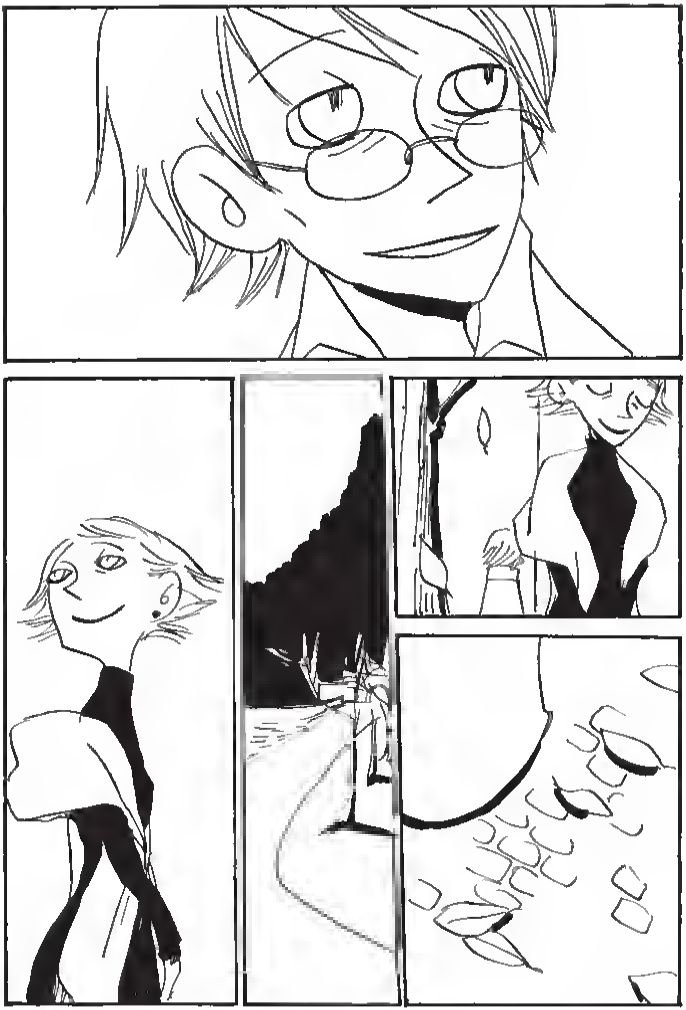
MY SON IS STAYING WITH ME HE'S VERY SICK
HE'S NOT MARRIED AND HE HAS NO ONE TO TAKE CARE OF HIM, SO HE CAME TO MY HOUSE
HE WAS WORKING AT A LAB IN FIRENZE
IF IT WAS A MENTAL CONDITION, I MAY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HELP
WHEN HIS CONDITION WAS REVEALED AND THEY FIGURED HE HAD NO CHANCE, HE WAS ASKED TO QUIT
THE PERSON IN THERE IS MY SON, AWAITING HIS DEATH

FOR AN OLD MAN LIKE ME TO WATCH MY OWN CHILD DIE...
IT'S TOO CRUEL.

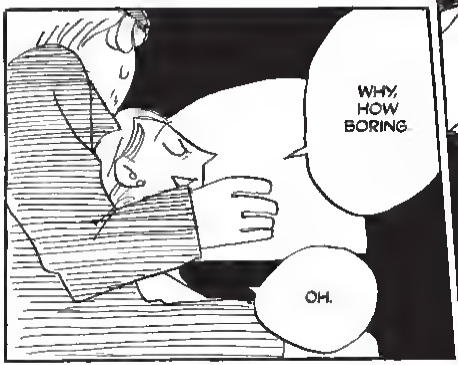
DOC.
DAD.
LET ME CALL YOU A CAB
THANK YOU
I DIDN'T WANT TO STARTLE YOU SINCE I'M NOT IN MY ROOM

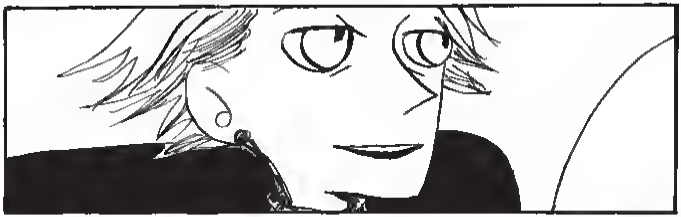
I FINISHED WRITING THE ONES TO MY BROTHERS
I'LL START ON THE ONE FOR YOU, THEN I'LL HEAD BACK TO MY ROOM
THE MOON-LIGHT'S SO BRIGHT TONIGHT THAT I DON'T EVEN NEED A LAMP
I'M FEELING GOOD FOR A CHANGE, SO I DECIDED TO WRITE SOME LETTERS
OH, I BORROWED YOUR OLD READING GLASSES, BY THE WAY I FORGOT MINE
THIS IS SIGNORINA AZZURRA.
IT MUST'VE BEEN NICE TAKING A WALK IN THIS MOON-LIGHT
HEY...
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU RE CALLING SUCH AN ELEGANT MADAMA A SIGNORINA.
DAD...
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE OUT DRINKING WITH SUCH A PRETTY LADY...

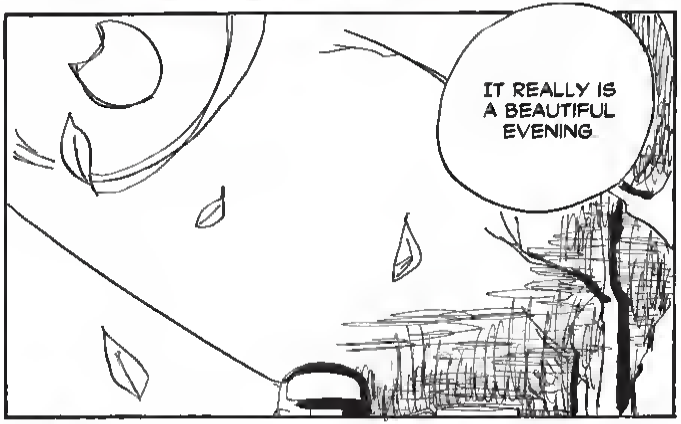
HE TREATS EVERYBODY LIKE CHILDREN.
I GUESS YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH..
..TO NEED READING GLASSES NOW.



JULIANO
DID YOU COME FOR ME?
MADAMA!
THANK YOU, MOON.
IT WAS A LOVELY WALK.
YOU'RE SUCH A GENTLEMAN
I THOUGHT IT'D BE TOO FAR FOR YOU TO WALK BACK
HA HA
SAY, JULIANO...
DO YOU THINK YOU'LL NEED READING GLASSES ONE DAY?


WELL
I'M NEARSIGHTED, SO I DON'T THINK I'LL NEED THEM
WHY, HOW BORING
OH.




IT REALLY IS A BEAUTIFUL EVENING

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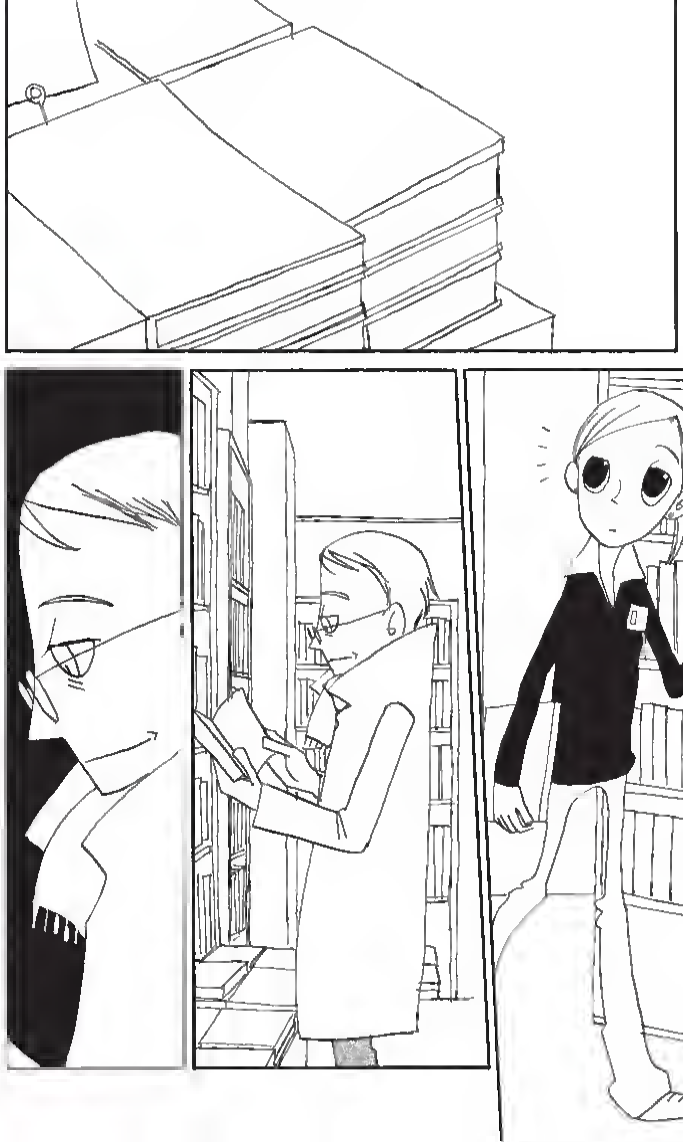
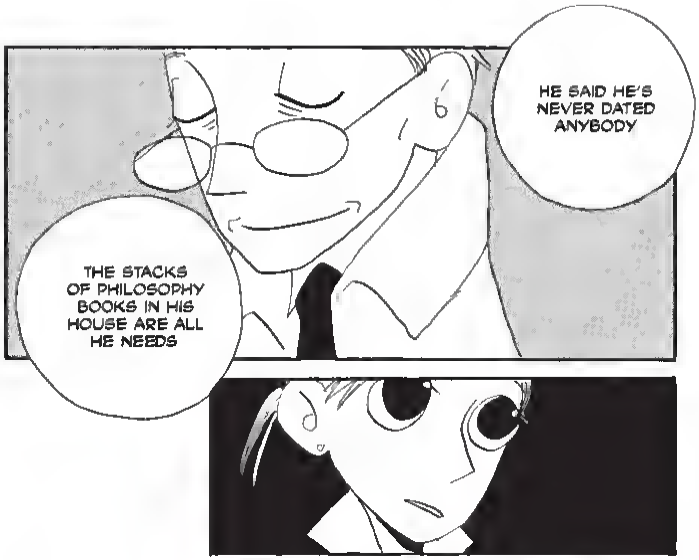
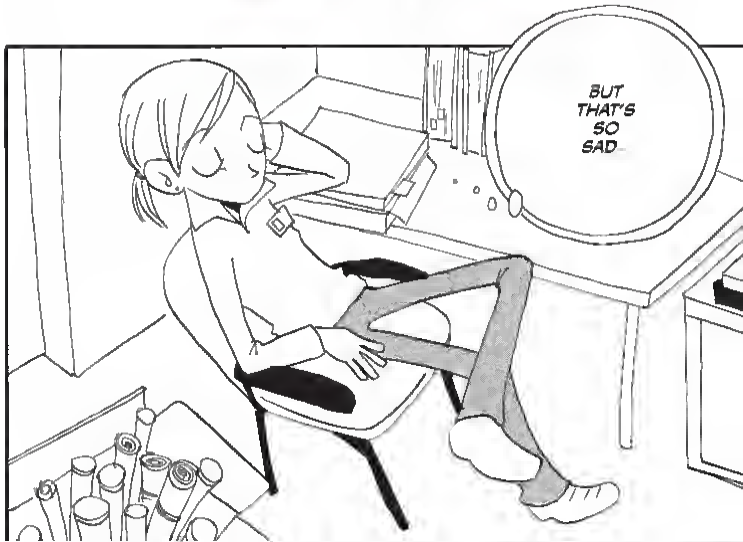


IS THIS THE BOOK YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?
YES, IT IS!
THAT PROFESSOR IS HERE EVERY DAY.
HE LIKES IT HERE.
THIS IS THE CLOSEST BOOKSTORE TO THE UNIVERSITY.

HE'S SINGLE, AND HE LIVES DOWN-TOWN
I WAS ONLY KIDDING
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HIM OR SOME-THING?
MAYBE
HE'S KINDA NICE.
MY LATE FATHER WAS A BOOKWORM TOO, SO I'M JUST CURIOUS ABOUT HIM.
I WONDER HOW HE USUALLY SPENDS HIS DAYS...

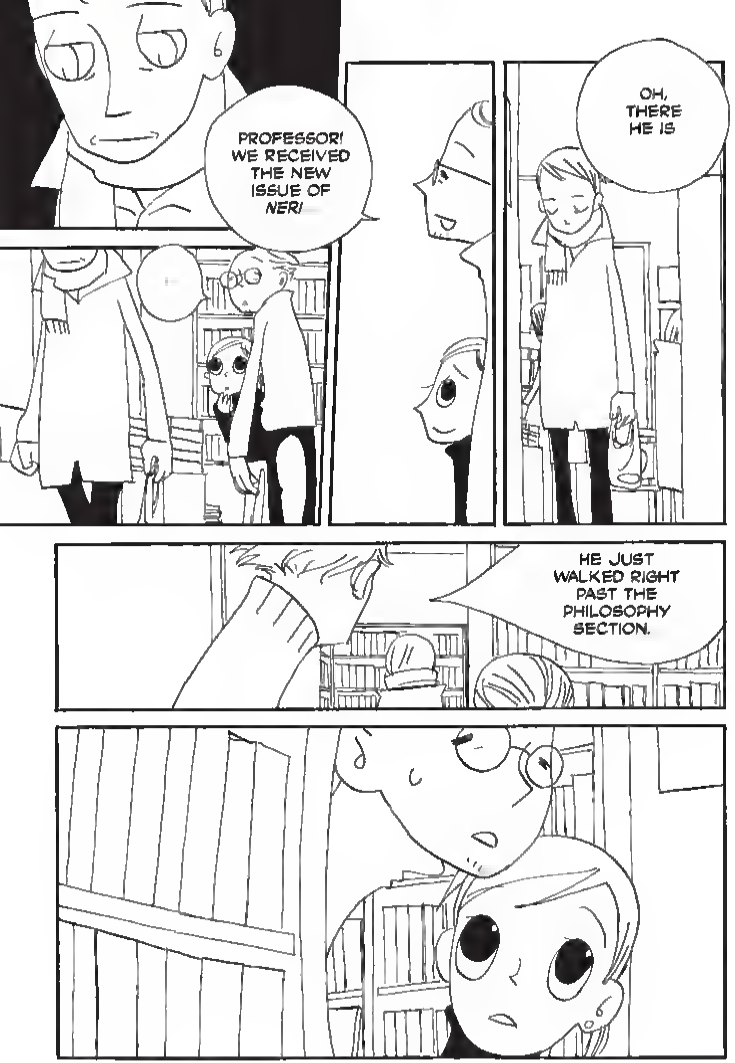
YOUR BOOKS LOOK REALLY COMPLICATED.
WELL, I NEED THEM FOR MY THESIS.
MAN, THESE ARE COSTING ME AN ARM AND A LEG.
I USUALLY USE THE LIBRARY.
I EVEN HAD MY PROFESSOR COME WITH ME.
YOU KNOW HIM, DON'T YOU? HE MUST BE A REGULAR HERE.
ME? HA HA HA.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE HIS DAUGHTER
THE PROFESSOR'S ALWAYS BEEN SINGLE

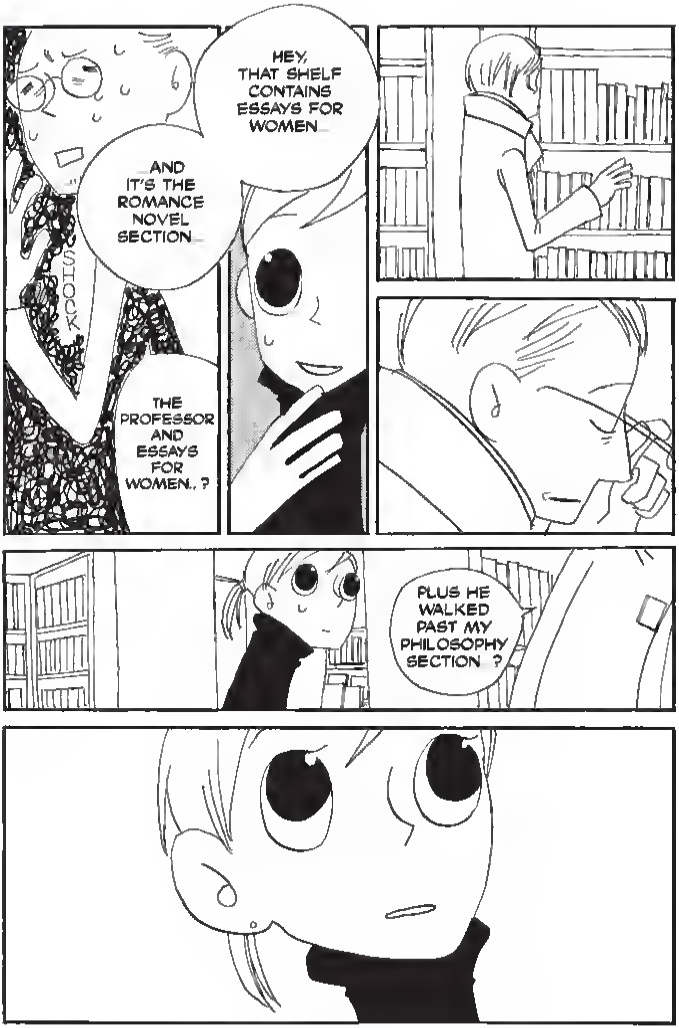

HE SAID HE'S NEVER DATED ANYBODY
THE STACKS OF PHILOSOPHY BOOKS IN HIS HOUSE ARE ALL HE NEEDS


BUT THAT'S SO SAD

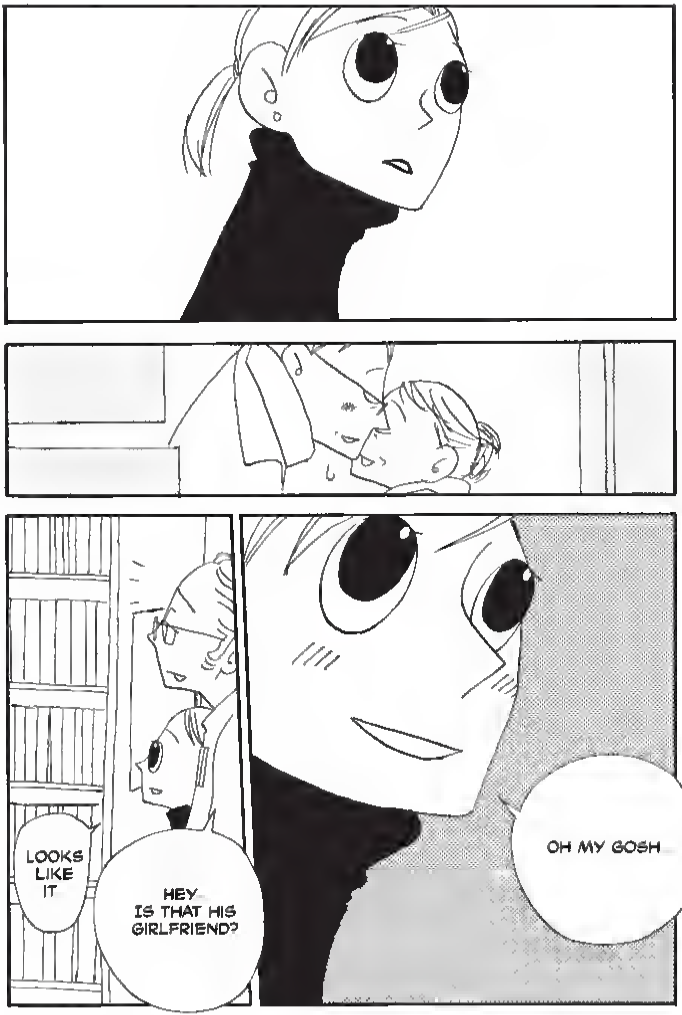
YOU THINK I'M IN LOVE WITH THE PROFESSOR?!
NO WAY

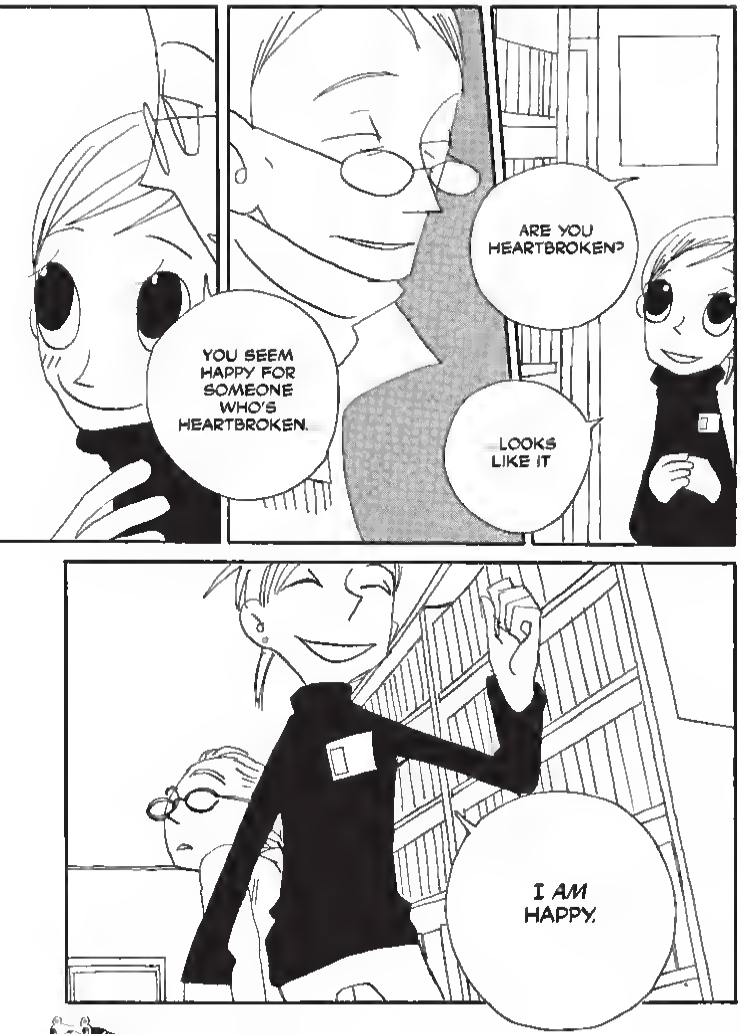
BUT YOU FOLLOW HIM WITH YOUR EYES...
YEAH, BUT THAT'S NOT HOW IT IS
SO HE'LL BE HERE AGAIN
C'mon!
PHEW
THAT'S NOT HOW IT IS!
HEY, A NEW ISSUE OF THE MAGAZINE THAT THE PROFESSOR ALWAYS BUYS WILL BE COMING IN TOMORROW


PROFESSOR! WE RECEIVED THE NEW ISSUE OF *NER!*
OH, THERE HE IS
HE JUST WALKED RIGHT PAST THE PHILOSOPHY SECTION.


HEY, THAT SHELF CONTAINS ESSAYS FOR WOMEN...
...AND IT'S THE ROMANCE NOVEL SECTION...
SHOCK
THE PROFESSOR AND ESSAYS FOR WOMEN..?
PLUS HE WALKED PAST MY PHILOSOPHY SECTION ?

OH, THEY'RE CHOCOLATES
HM?


OH MY GOSH...
HEY... IS THAT HIS GIRLFRIEND?
LOOKS LIKE IT


ARE YOU HEARTBROKEN?
YOU SEEM HAPPY FOR SOMEONE WHO'S HEARTBROKEN.
LOOKS LIKE IT
I AM HAPPY.

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GENTILUOMO (Doujinshi)
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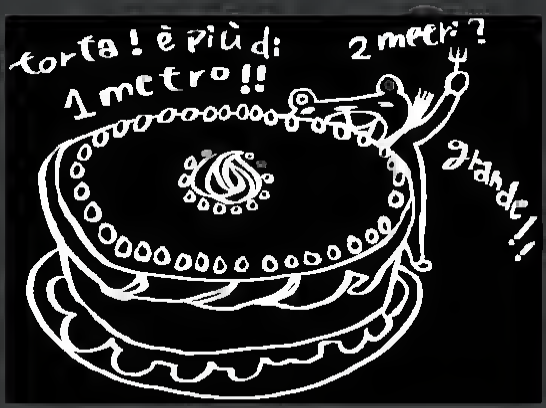
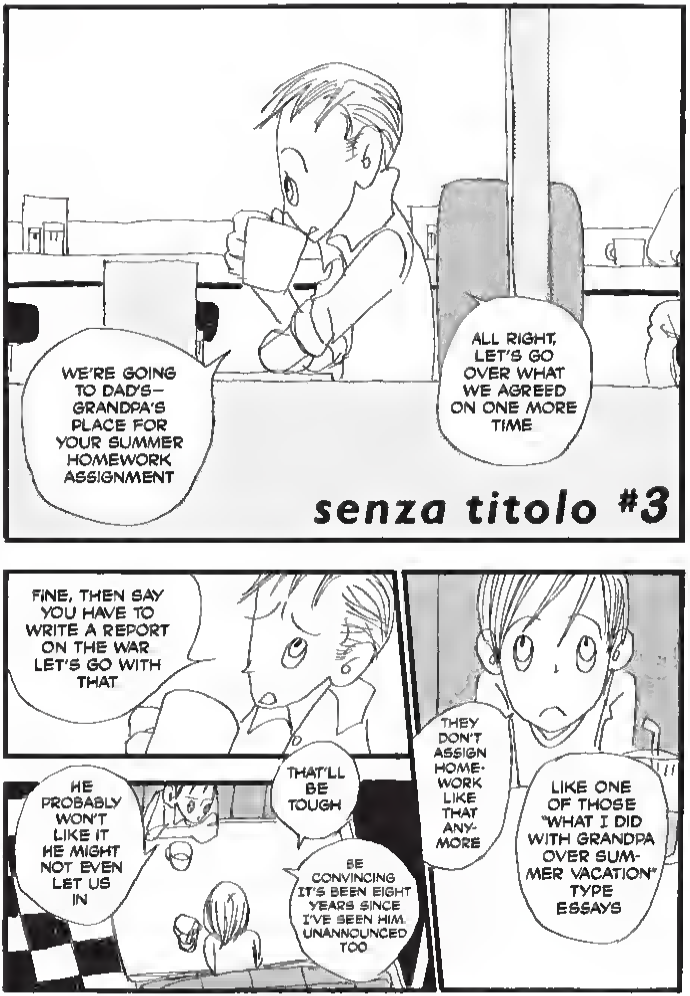
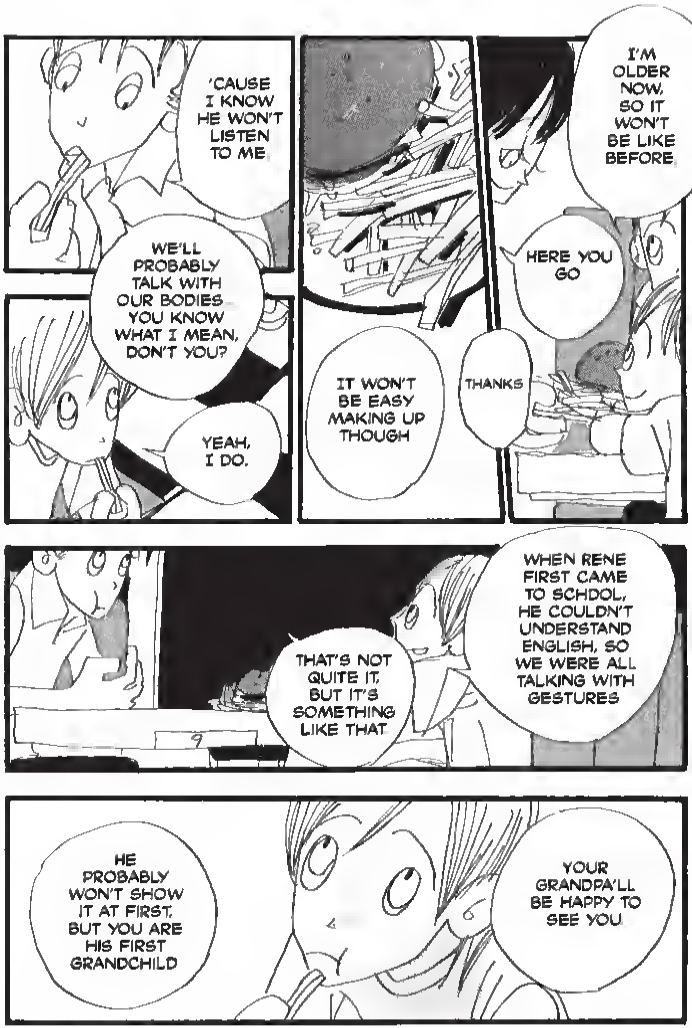
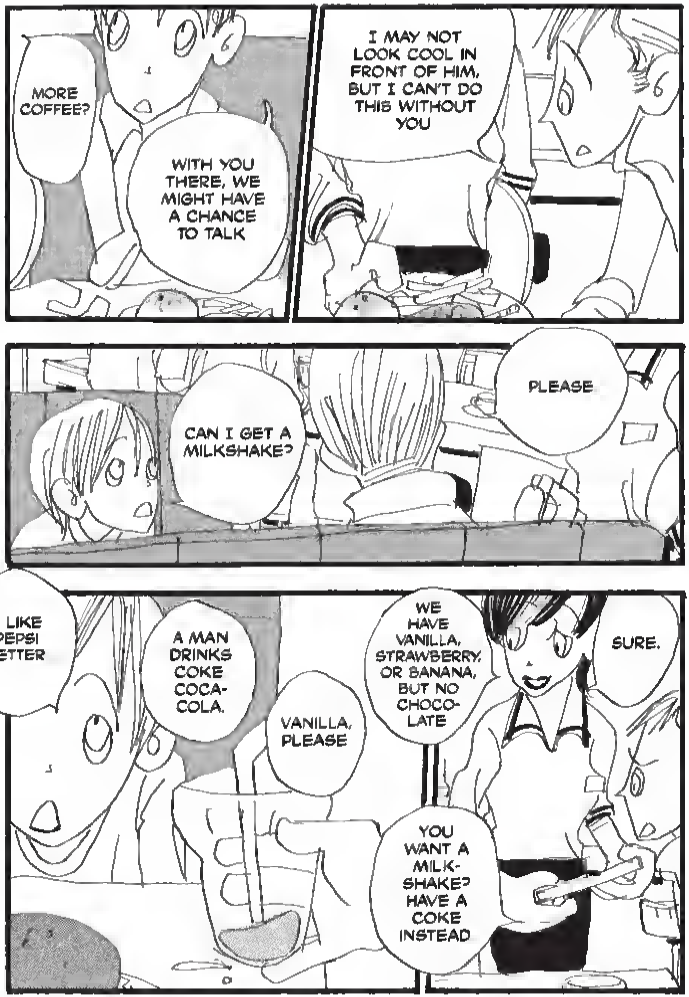



WE'RE GOING TO DAD'S— GRANDPA'S PLACE FOR YOUR SUMMER HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO OVER WHAT WE AGREED ON ONE MORE TIME
senza titolo #3
FINE, THEN SAY YOU HAVE TO WRITE A REPORT ON THE WAR LET'S GO WITH THAT
THEY DON'T ASSIGN HOME-WORK LIKE THAT ANY-MORE
LIKE ONE OF THOSE "WHAT I DID WITH GRANDPA OVER SUM-MER VACATION" TYPE ESSAYS
HE PROBABLY WON'T LIKE IT HE MIGHT NOT EVEN LET US IN
THAT'LL BE TOUGH
BE CONVINCING IT'S BEEN EIGHT YEARS SINCE I'VE SEEN HIM. UNANNOUNCED TOO

I'LL GO TO A REALTOR TOMORROW AND FIND A NICE APARTMENT NEAR YOUR GRANDPA'S PLACE
I DON'T WANT YOU HOME ALONE. WE NEED SOMEBODY AROUND WITH YOUR MOM GONE
I LEFT YOU ALONE FOR HALF THE YEAR BECAUSE OF WORK. THAT'S NO GOOD
WHY ARE WE GOING IF YOU'RE FIGHTING WITH HIM?
LET'S HOLD OFF ON TELLING HIM ABOUT YOUR MOM PASSING AWAY TOO
DON'T TELL HIM I WENT LOOKING FOR AN APARTMENT
IN THE MEANTIME, I NEED YOU TO KEEP GRANDPA BUSY
IS THAT BECAUSE MOM WAS A DANCER?
YOU AND GRANDPA ARE FIGHTING BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT YOU TO MARRY MOM, RIGHT?

ONE WHO NEVER WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL OR HAD ANY PARENTS, TO BOOT
YEAH I GUESS HE COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY A MAN WOULD FALL IN LOVE WITH AN EXOTIC DANCER
WHAT ARE THEY THINKING, TELLING AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD SOMETHING LIKE THAT
SETH AND DOUG
YOU SAY IT ALL THE TIME TOO, DAD
WHO TOLD YOU THAT?!
YOU THOUGHT THE WAY SHE MOVED HER HIPS WAS SEXY, RIGHT?
SHE STOPPED DANCING BY THE TIME YOU COULD SPEAK, BUT SHE WAS A GREAT DANCER
HE'S SCARY, ALL RIGHT. BUT HE'S PROBABLY LIKE A FLAT COKE THESE DAYS
IS GRANDPA SCARY? DOES HE GET MAD EASILY?


'CAUSE I KNOW HE WON'T LISTEN TO ME
WE'LL PROBABLY TALK WITH OUR BODIES. YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN, DON'T YOU?
YEAH, I DO.
I'M OLDER NOW, SO IT WON'T BE LIKE BEFORE.
HERE YOU GO
THANKS
IT WON'T BE EASY MAKING UP THOUGH
WHEN RENE FIRST CAME TO SCHOOL, HE COULDN'T UNDERSTAND ENGLISH, SO WE WERE ALL TALKING WITH GESTURES
THAT'S NOT QUITE IT, BUT IT'S SOMETHING LIKE THAT
HE PROBABLY WON'T SHOW IT AT FIRST, BUT YOU ARE HIS FIRST GRANDCHILD
YOUR GRANDPA'LL BE HAPPY TO SEE YOU


MORE COFFEE?
WITH YOU THERE, WE MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE TO TALK
I MAY NOT LOOK COOL IN FRONT OF HIM, BUT I CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU
CAN I GET A MILKSHAKE?
PLEASE
I LIKE PEPSI BETTER
A MAN DRINKS COKE COCA-COLA.
VANILLA, PLEASE
WE HAVE VANILLA, STRAWBERRY, OR BANANA, BUT NO CHOCO-LATE
SURE.
YOU WANT A MILK-SHAKE? HAVE A COKE INSTEAD

HEY, DO YOU LIKE ME?
NOPE
HAVEN'T YOU SEEN EVERYBODY SINGING ON THOSE COKE COMMERCIALS? LIKE ARETHA FRANKLIN
Things go better with coca cola things go better with coke
STOP SINGING PLEASE
I DO
THEN YOU'LL LIKE GRANDPA TOO.
OKAY, DAD.

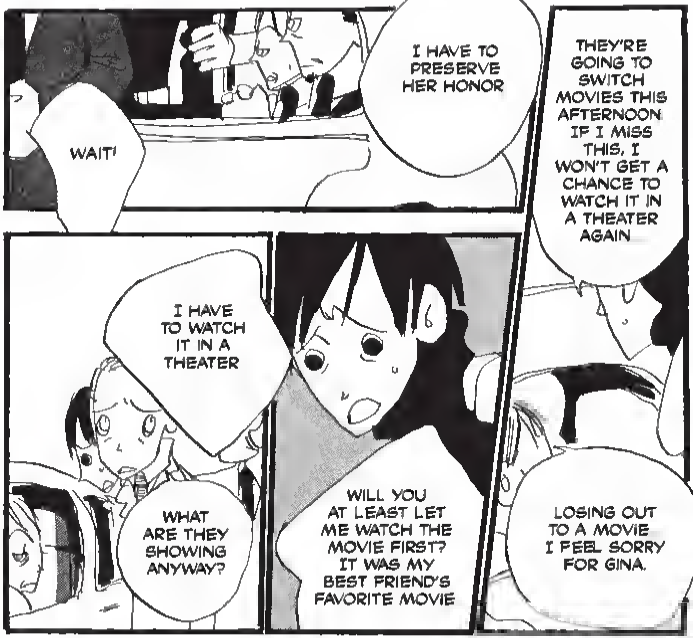
senzo titolo #3
YOUR SMILE LIKE THE CARTOON (Dojinshi)
Published in April 1998

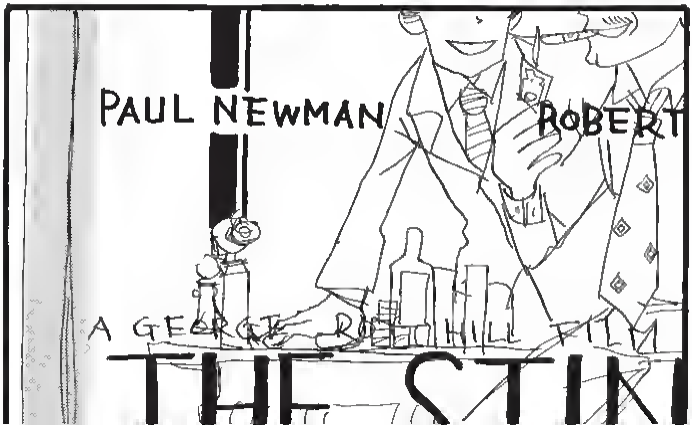
NOT BAD
GET ME THE CHEF
YOUR 30TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, HUH? CONGRATULATIONS
MY WIFE IS INSISTING ON HIRING THE CHEF HERE TO COOK FOR THE PARTY
THE FOOD IS GOOD, AND I LIKE THE COMBINATIONS FOR THE COURSES
WHAT AN HONOR FOR A CHEF TO COOK AT YOUR PARTY, MR. SAVERIO

I CAN PREP THE FOOD, BUT SOMEONE ELSE WILL HAVE TO COOK AND SERVE IT...
IT'S AT 11 O'CLOCK ON THE 28TH? I HAVE A PRIOR ENGAGEMENT THAT DAY I'M SORRY...
WHAT?
IT'S PROBABLY BEST IF I DON'T ACCEPT THE JOB
YOU MUST KNOW WHO MR. SAVERIO IS IF YOU LIVE IN THIS TOWN...
ENOUGH
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY
I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED I'LL ASK YOU TO DO OUR 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THEN

YOU WORRIED ABOUT THE FOOD?
MOM DIDN'T SEEM TOO HAPPY EITHER. MAYBE YOU SHOULD'VE PERSUADED HIM WITH A GUN IF YOU WANTED HIM SO BADLY.
YEAH. HE WAS YOUR REFERRAL, TOO. IF ONLY THAT GUY DIDN'T TURN ME DOWN...
I DON'T LIKE VIOLENCE.
GIMME A BREAK.
I KNOW WHAT HIS PRIOR ENGAGE-MENT IS.
HE'S GOING TO SEE A MOVIE.
A MOVIE?

A MOVIE, HUH?
...SHOULD WE GO?
IT'S THE 11 O'CLOCK SHOWING AT A THEATER THAT ONLY PLAYS CLASSICS.
I DON'T THINK IT IS AND TO HAVE THINGS RUINED OVER A MOVIE
IS IT THAT SILLY FOR ME TO WANT TO MAKE MY WIFE OF 30 YEARS HAPPY?


WAIT!
I HAVE TO PRESERVE HER HONOR
THEY'RE GOING TO SWITCH MOVIES THIS AFTERNOON. IF I MISS THIS, I WON'T GET A CHANCE TO WATCH IT IN A THEATER AGAIN.
I HAVE TO WATCH IT IN A THEATER
WHAT ARE THEY SHOWING ANYWAY?
WILL YOU AT LEAST LET ME WATCH THE MOVIE FIRST? IT WAS MY BEST FRIEND'S FAVORITE MOVIE
LOSING OUT TO A MOVIE I FEEL SORRY FOR GINA.


PAUL NEWMAN
ROBERT
A GEORGE ROY HILL FILM
THE STIN

...
THE STING.
THAT'S WHAT T HEY'RE SHOWING. HUH I DIDN'T KNOW. TCH.
LET HIM GO.
MR. SAVERIO?!
...
IF IT'S THE STING, THEN I CAN'T BLAME HIM.

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Gakkan Taruwaki No. 5 (Dojinshi)
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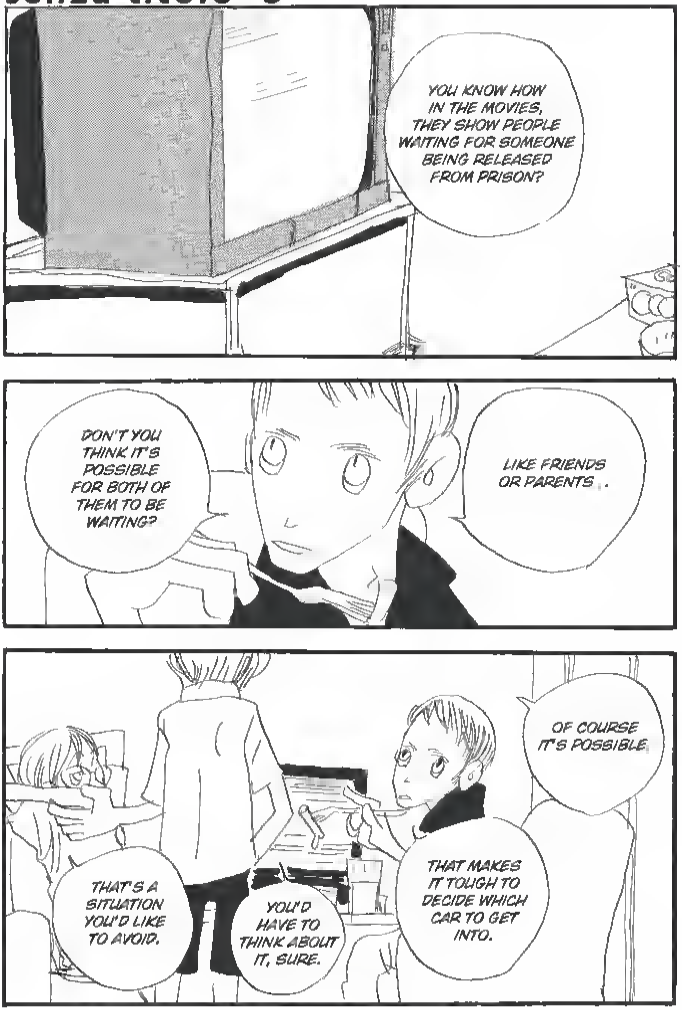
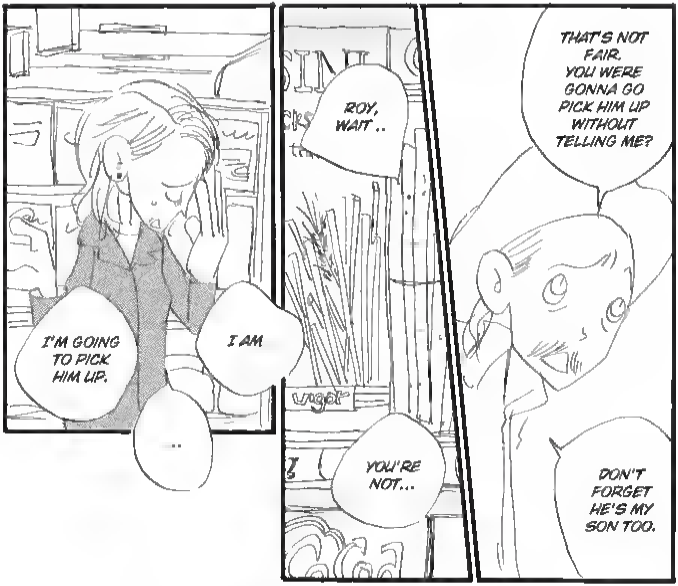

YOU KNOW HOW IN THE MOVIES, THEY SHOW PEOPLE WAITING FOR SOMEONE BEING RELEASED FROM PRISON?
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S POSSIBLE FOR BOTH OF THEM TO BE WAITING?
LIKE FRIENDS OR PARENTS.
OF COURSE IT'S POSSIBLE.
THAT MAKES IT TOUGH TO DECIDE WHICH CAR TO GET INTO.
YOU'D HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT, SURE.
THAT'S A SITUATION YOU'D LIKE TO AVOID.

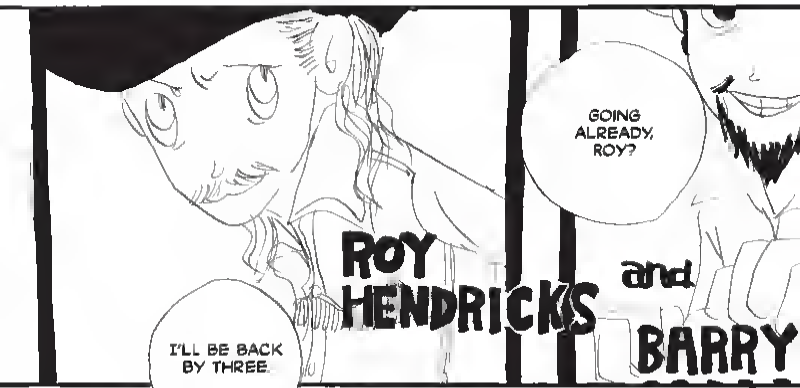
STOP
WHAT IF ALEX IS A DIFFERENT PERSON NOW?
HE COULD BE. FIVE YEARS IS A LONG TIME
THAT CAR... ISN'T THAT ALEX'S MOM?
LOOKS LIKE IT
DID WE HAVE TO MEET HIM HERE?
WHAT ELSE DO WE HAVE GOING ON?
WHOSE CAR WILL HE GET IN?

I WASN'T GOING TO, BUT HE FOUND OUT
I JUST KNOW HE'S GOING TO TAKE ALEX WITH HIM. WHY DID I LET IT SLIP?
BUT YOU SAID YOU WEREN'T GOING TO TELL HIM HIS RELEASE DATE
THAT'S NOT IT I'M WORRIED ROY'S HERE
RELAX. IT'LL BE A WHILE BEFORE HE COMES OUT

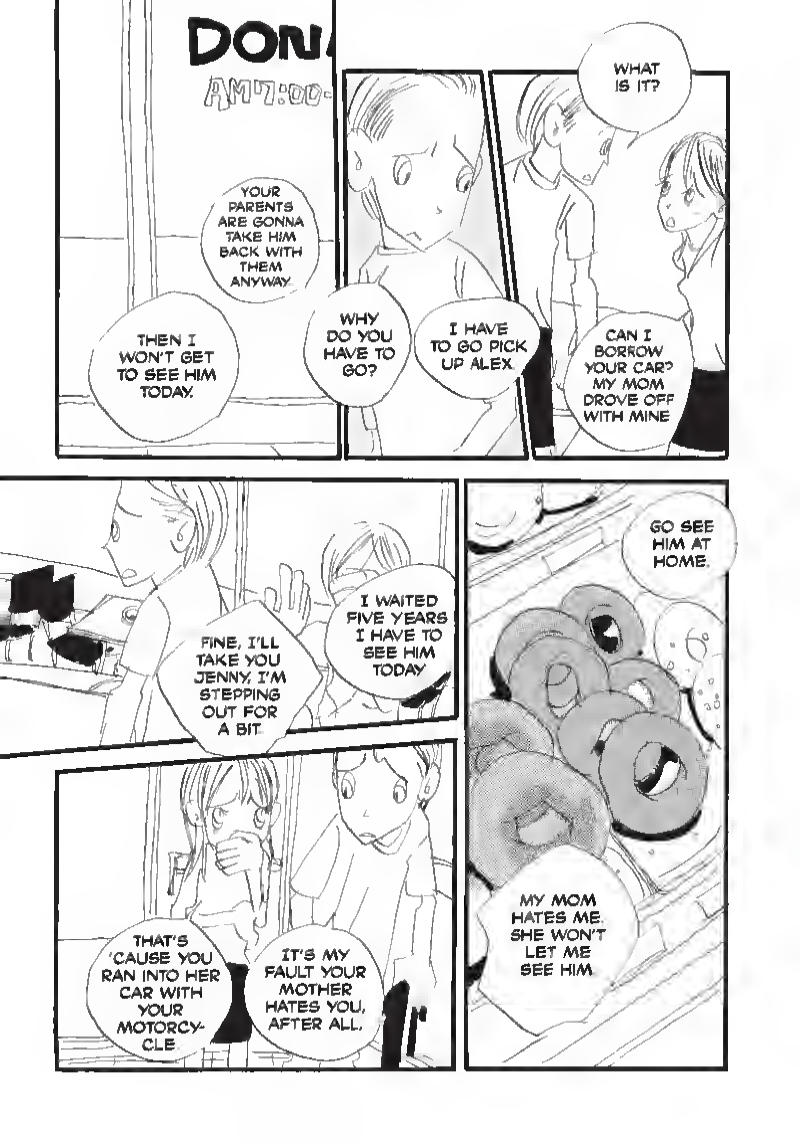
YOU CHANGED YOUR HAIRSTYLE.
ROY ..

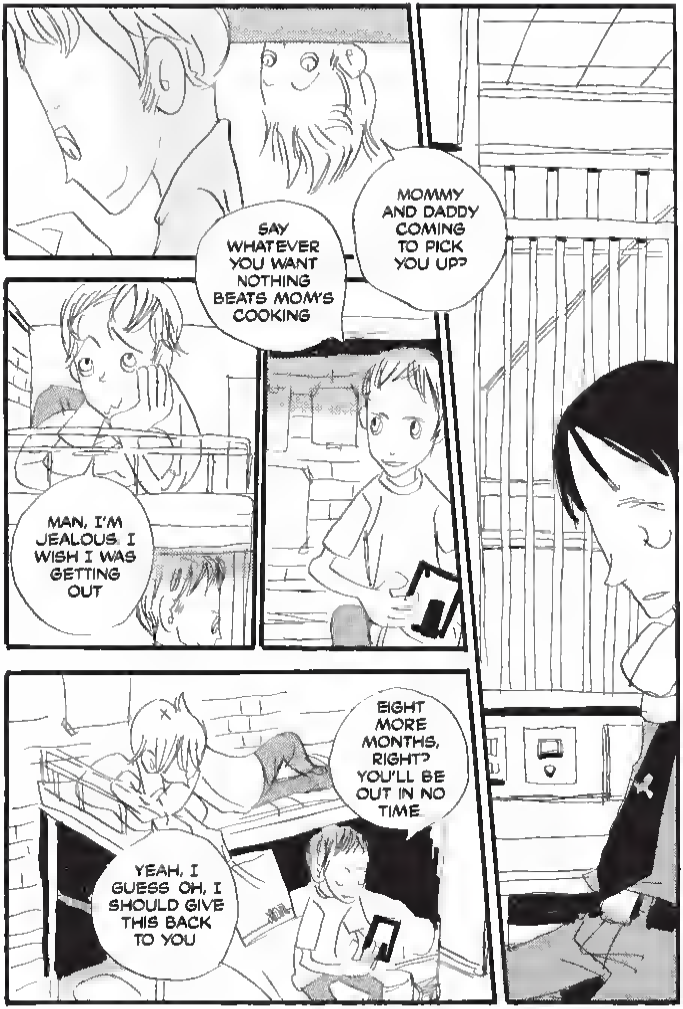
NO, THANKS.
YOU FREE NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT? COME WATCH ME YOU CAN BRING TOM ALONG WITH YOU
WHAT'S FOR DINNER TONIGHT?
SO YOU'RE STILL SINGING?
LEAVE ME ALONE
I REALLY CAN'T ON FRIDAY.
RIGHT? SO COME.
THEN COME SATURDAY.
TWO NIGHTS AT LENDY'S.
ALEX IS GETTING OUT ON SATURDAY.
ALEX IS GETTING OUT?!
I MEANT NEXT SATURDAY.
GASP.
SO I REALLY CAN'T...
OH, WOW.

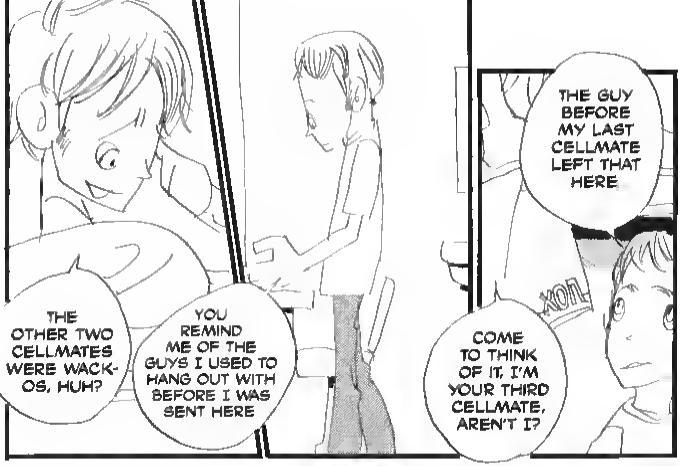

I'M GOING TO PICK HIM UP.
I AM
...
ROY, WAIT ..
YOU'RE NOT...
THAT'S NOT FAIR. YOU WERE GONNA GO PICK HIM UP WITHOUT TELLING ME?
DON'T FORGET HE'S MY SON TOO.

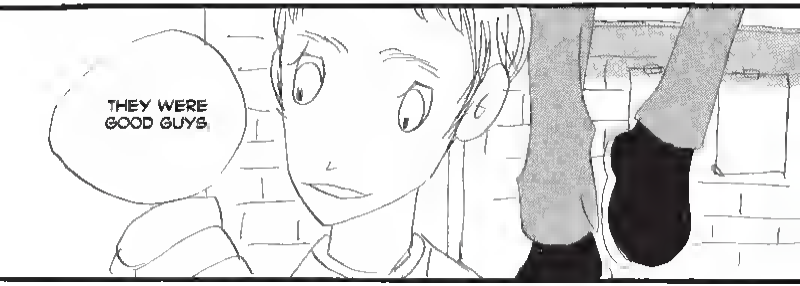

I'LL BE BACK BY THREE.
GOING ALREADY, ROY?
ROY HENDRICKS and BARRY

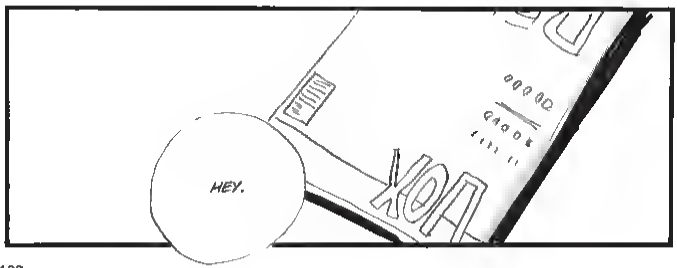
ALAN ROY HENDRICKS GREAT SHOW LAST NIGHT
THANKS
SO YOU JUST WANT ME TO HAVE SOME FOOD READY, RIGHT?
YEAH, PLEASE MY SON'S NOT A PICKY EATER
COME AGAIN TONIGHT IT'LL BE GREAT.
YOUR SON'S BEING RELEASED TODAY, RIGHT?
DO JACKSON'S SONG THE LADIES DIG IT.
BUT YOU GOTTA SING IT LIKE HIM.
AM17
HEY


DON
AM 7:00
YOUR PARENTS ARE GONNA TAKE HIM BACK WITH THEM ANYWAY.
THEN I WON'T GET TO SEE HIM TODAY.
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO GO?
I HAVE TO GO PICK UP ALEX.
WHAT IS IT?
CAN I BORROW YOUR CAR? MY MOM DROVE OFF WITH MINE
FINE, I'LL TAKE YOU JENNY. I'M STEPPING OUT FOR A BIT.
I WAITED FIVE YEARS I HAVE TO SEE HIM TODAY
THAT'S 'CAUSE YOU RAN INTO HER CAR WITH YOUR MOTORCYCLE.
IT'S MY FAULT YOUR MOTHER HATES YOU, AFTER ALL.
GO SEE HIM AT HOME.
MY MOM HATES ME. SHE WON'T LET ME SEE HIM.

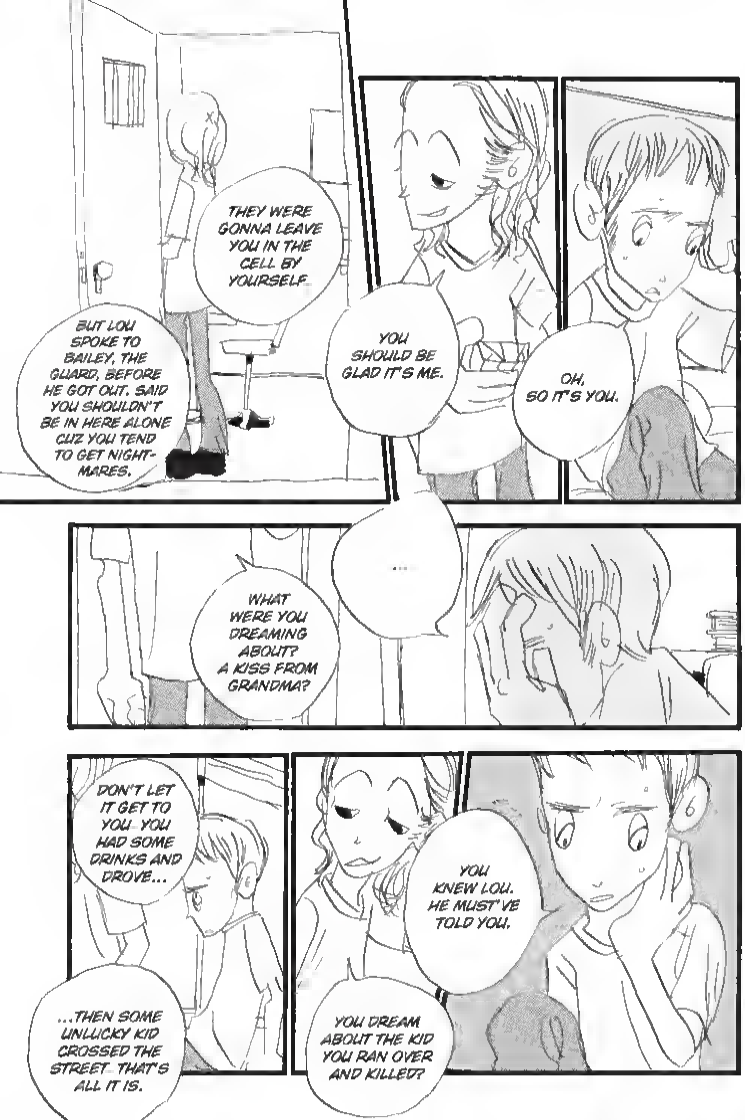

MOMMY AND DADDY COMING TO PICK YOU UP?
SAY WHATEVER YOU WANT NOTHING BEATS MOM'S COOKING
MAN, I'M JEALOUS. I WISH I WAS GETTING OUT
EIGHT MORE MONTHS, RIGHT? YOU'LL BE OUT IN NO TIME
YEAH, I GUESS OH, I SHOULD GIVE THIS BACK TO YOU


THE GUY BEFORE MY LAST CELLMATE LEFT THAT HERE
COME TO THINK OF IT, I'M YOUR THIRD CELLMATE, AREN'T I?
YOU REMIND ME OF THE GUYS I USED TO HANG OUT WITH BEFORE I WAS SENT HERE
THE OTHER TWO CELLMATES WERE WACK-OS, HUH?

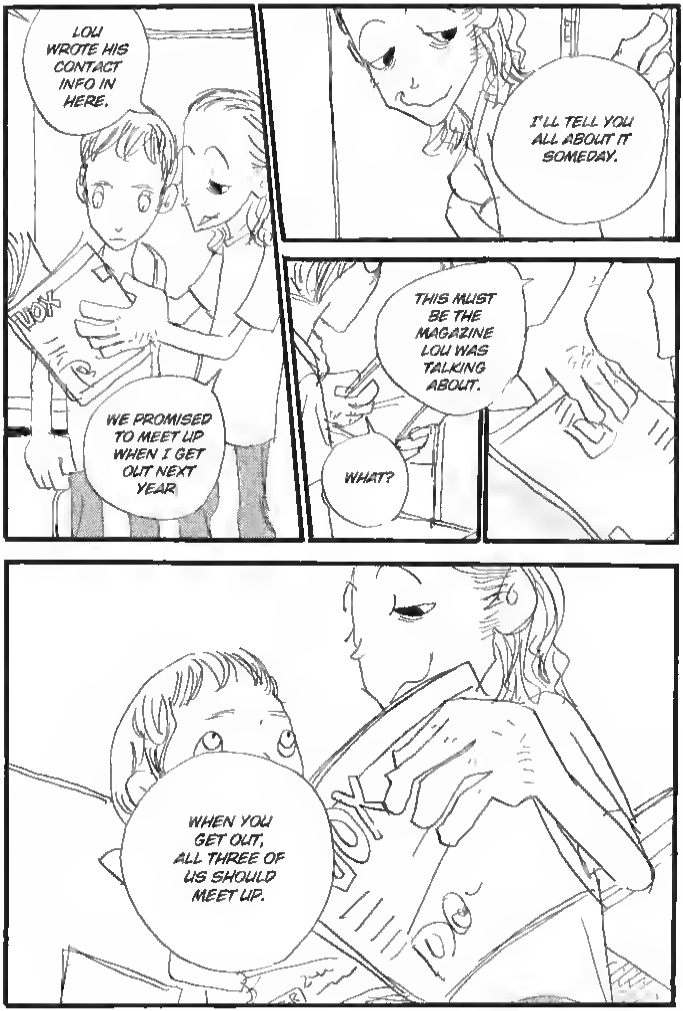

THEY WERE GOOD GUYS.


HEY.

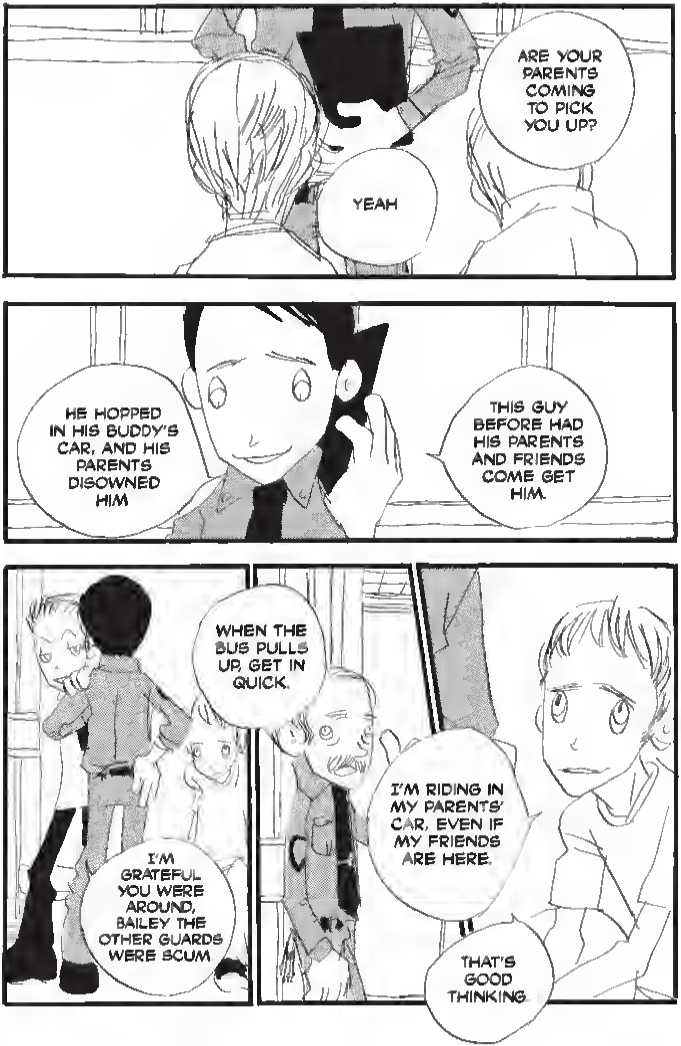
HEY, WAKE UP.
YOU'RE AWAKE NOW. GOOD.
!!
WHO ARE YOU?
I'M JACK.
THE GUARDS MUST'VE TOLD YOU. I'M TAKING LOU'S PLACE.
YOU'RE JUST LIKE LOU SAID. YOU WERE HAVING A BAD DREAM.


THEY WERE GONNA LEAVE YOU IN THE CELL BY YOURSELF.
BUT LOU SPOKE TO BAILEY, THE GUARD, BEFORE HE GOT OUT. SAID YOU SHOULDN'T BE IN HERE ALONE CUZ YOU TEND TO GET NIGHT-MARES.
YOU SHOULD BE GLAD IT'S ME.
OH, SO IT'S YOU.
...
WHAT WERE YOU DREAMING ABOUT? A KISS FROM GRANDMA?
DON'T LET IT GET TO YOU. YOU HAD SOME DRINKS AND DROVE...
...THEN SOME UNLUCKY KID CROSSED THE STREET. THAT'S ALL IT IS.
YOU KNEW LOU. HE MUST'VE TOLD YOU.
YOU DREAM ABOUT THE KID YOU RAN OVER AND KILLED?

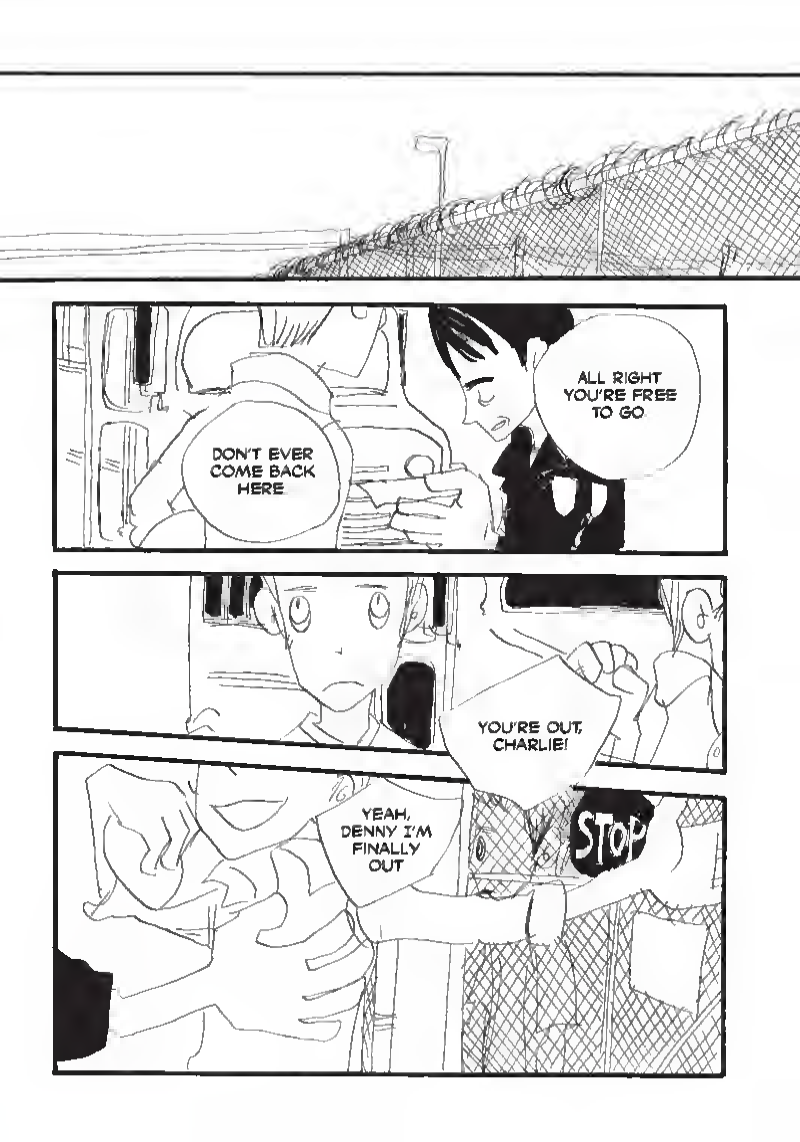
I WAS A JUNKIE, AND I ALMOST KILLED MY OLD MAN.
I HAVEN'T HAD BAD DREAMS ABOUT IT THOUGH.
...
TRY NOT TO THINK ABOUT THE KID DURING THE DAY.
THEN YOU WON'T DREAM ABOUT HIM AS MUCH.
I DECIDED TO THINK THAT WAY TWO DAYS AFTER I RAN OVER A DOG.
I CAN'T JUST FORGET ABOUT IT. I KILLED HIM.
THAT DOG WOULD CHASE ME. IT SCARED THE HELL OUTTA ME. I WAS PROBABLY LIKE YOU
THANKS TO THE DOPE, MY IMAGINATION WENT WILD AND I HAD SOME HORRIBLE NIGHTMARES.
I'M NOT SAYING FORGET IT. IT'S ABOUT ASKING FOR FORGIVENESS IN EXCHANGE FOR REMEMBERING IT FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.


LOU WROTE HIS CONTACT INFO IN HERE.
I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT SOMEDAY.
WE PROMISED TO MEET UP WHEN I GET OUT NEXT YEAR
THIS MUST BE THE MAGAZINE LOU WAS TALKING ABOUT.
WHAT?
WHEN YOU GET OUT, ALL THREE OF US SHOULD MEET UP.

AND I TEAR THE NEXT PAGE
YEAH
THIS PAGE THAT'S TORN... WAS IT WRITTEN ON HERE?
AH. JACK'S INFO IS ON THERE, HUH?
YOU GOT SOME MONEY? IT'LL BE HARD WALKING HOME WITH NOBODY HERE TO PICK YOU UP
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT


ARE YOUR PARENTS COMING TO PICK YOU UP?
YEAH
HE HOPPED IN HIS BUDDY'S CAR, AND HIS PARENTS DISOWNED HIM
THIS GUY BEFORE HAD HIS PARENTS AND FRIENDS COME GET HIM.
WHEN THE BUS PULLS UP, GET IN QUICK.
I'M GRATEFUL YOU WERE AROUND, BAILEY THE OTHER GUARDS WERE SCUM
I'M RIDING IN MY PARENTS' CAR, EVEN IF MY FRIENDS ARE HERE.
THAT'S GOOD THINKING.

I KNEW YOU DIDN'T BELONG HERE
AND GO PAY MY RESPECTS
BEHAVE MYSELF TILL I SETTLE DOWN
WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO ONCE YOU'RE OUT?
I WAS TOLD THERE ARE A FEW CARS WAITING
MORE THAN TWO?
DON'T CAUSE ANY PROBLEMS JUST GO


ALL RIGHT YOU'RE FREE TO GO
DON'T EVER COME BACK HERE
YOU'RE OUT, CHARLIE!
YEAH, DENNY I'M FINALLY OUT
STOP

SURE, WHY NOT. NOTHING WRONG WITH A MOVIE LIKE THIS

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THE FROOMS

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Stanley,
who lives in New York,
has two older sisters.

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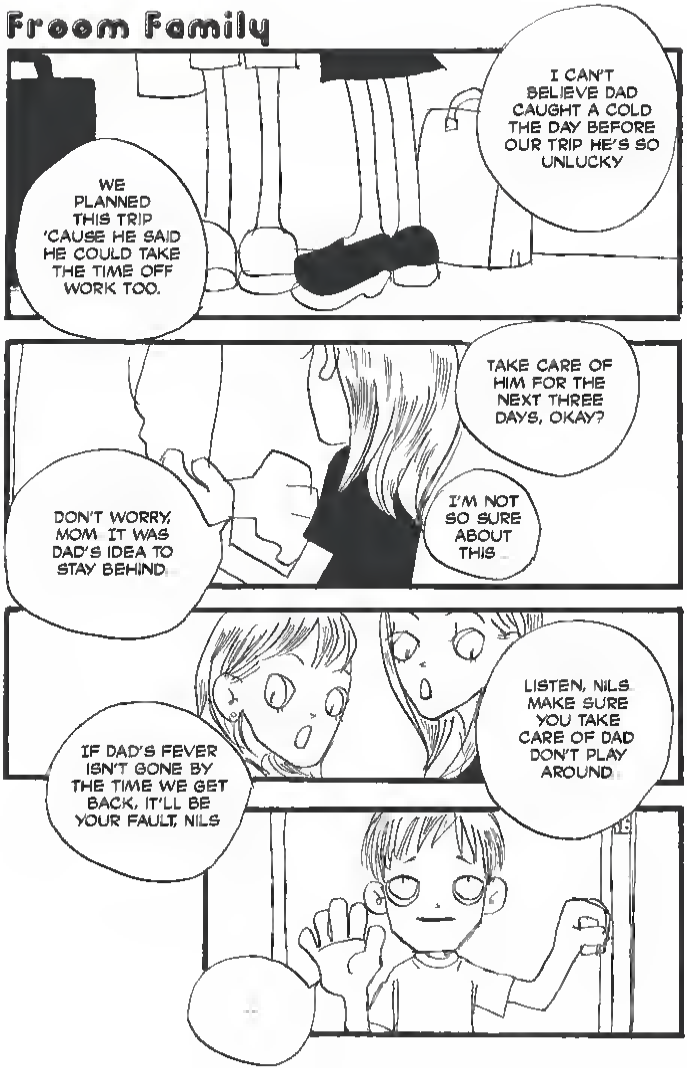
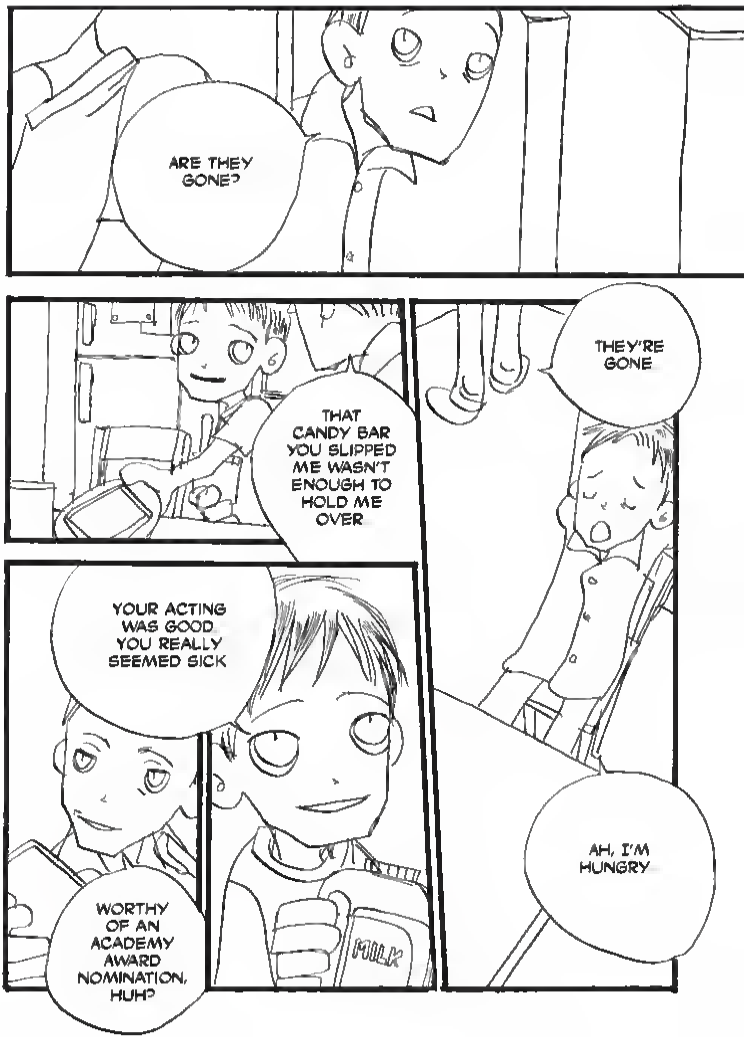
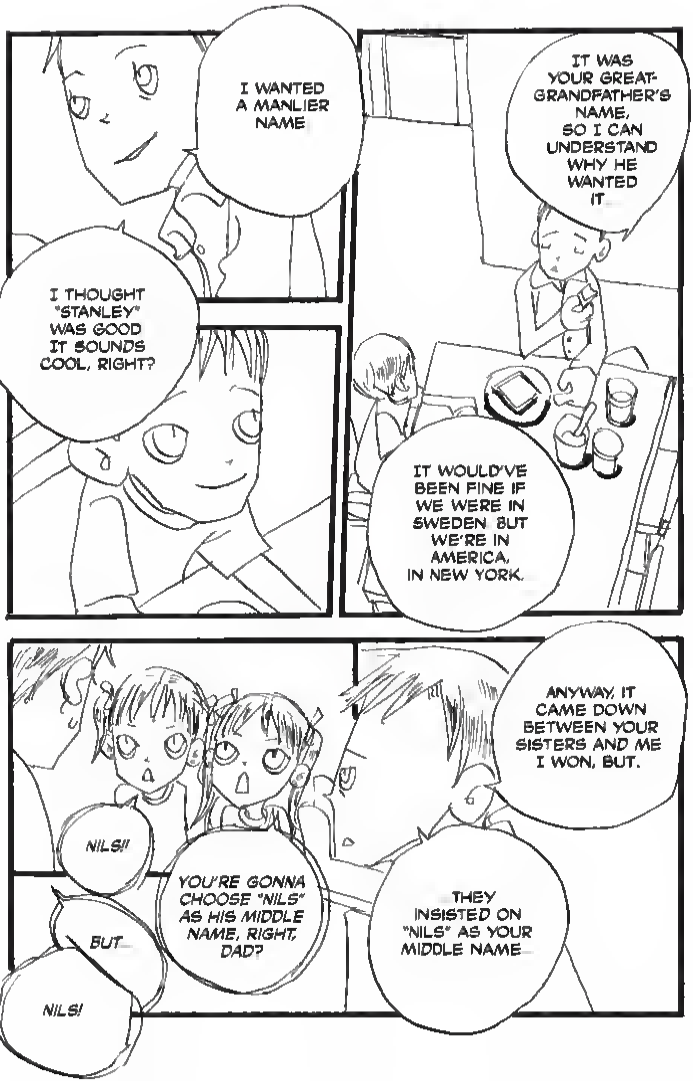

I CAN'T BELIEVE DAD CAUGHT A COLD THE DAY BEFORE OUR TRIP HE'S SO UNLUCKY
WE PLANNED THIS TRIP 'CAUSE HE SAID HE COULD TAKE THE TIME OFF WORK TOO.
TAKE CARE OF HIM FOR THE NEXT THREE DAYS, OKAY?
I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THIS...
DON'T WORRY, MOM. IT WAS DAD'S IDEA TO STAY BEHIND.
LISTEN, NILS. MAKE SURE YOU TAKE CARE OF DAD. DON'T PLAY AROUND.
IF DAD'S FEVER ISN'T GONE BY THE TIME WE GET BACK, IT'LL BE YOUR FAULT, NILS


ARE THEY GONE?
THAT CANDY BAR YOU SLIPPED ME WASN'T ENOUGH TO HOLD ME OVER
THEY'RE GONE
YOUR ACTING WAS GOOD. YOU REALLY SEEMED SICK
MILK
AH, I'M HUNGRY
WORTHY OF AN ACADEMY AWARD NOMINATION, HUH?

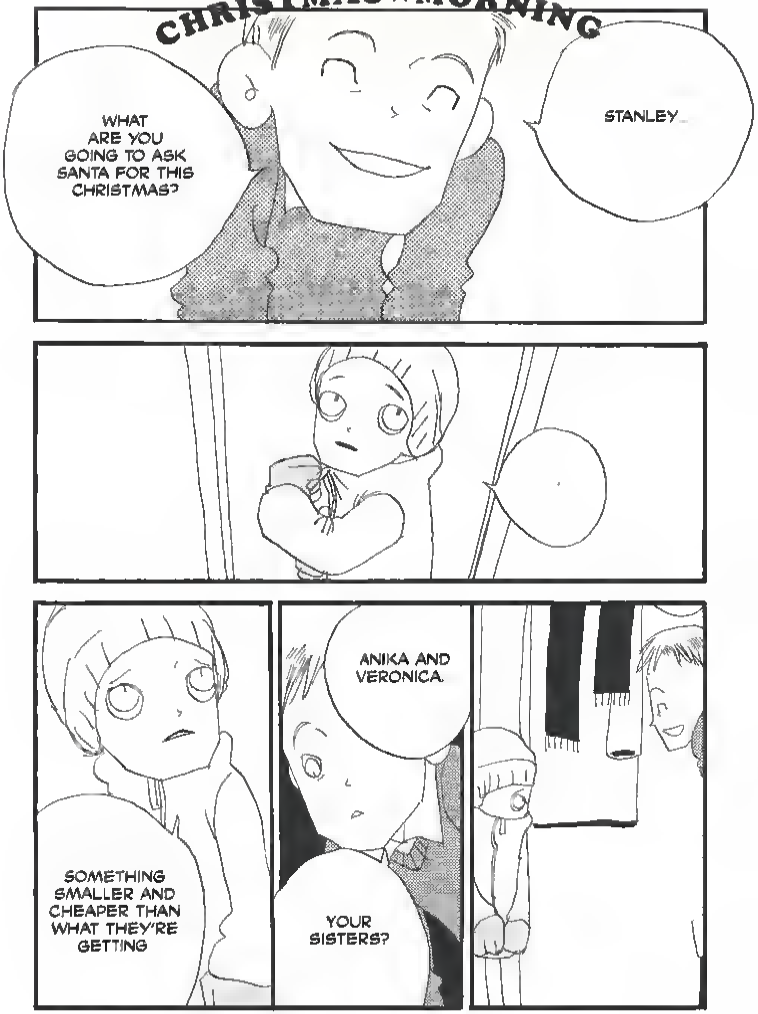
NO, I DO
STANLEY
I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T LIKE MILK.
BUT YOU USUALLY DON'T DRINK IT
ANIKA AND VERONICA DON'T LET ME
THEY SAY I'M NOT ALLOWED TO GROW, SO THEY GET MAD WHEN I DRINK IT
THOSE SISTERS OF YOURS
THEY SAY STUFF LIKE, "YOU'RE NILS, SO YOU SHOULD STAY SMALL"

YOUR SISTERS WERE READING THIS BOOK WHEN YOU WERE BORN
THE WONDERFUL ADVENTURES OF NILS
IT HAS TO BE NILS
I WANT NILS!
WHY DID YOU CHOOSE "NILS" AS MY MIDDLE NAME?
THEN YOUR GRANDFATHER
IT SHOULD BE "NILS EMIL."
SUGGESTED THAT


I WANTED A MANLIER NAME
I THOUGHT "STANLEY" WAS GOOD IT SOUNDS COOL, RIGHT?
IT WAS YOUR GREAT-GRANDFATHER'S NAME, SO I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY HE WANTED IT
IT WOULD'VE BEEN FINE IF WE WERE IN SWEDEN BUT WE'RE IN AMERICA, IN NEW YORK.
ANYWAY, IT CAME DOWN BETWEEN YOUR SISTERS AND ME I WON, BUT.
THEY INSISTED ON "NILS" AS YOUR MIDDLE NAME
NILS!!
YOU'RE GONNA CHOOSE "NILS" AS HIS MIDDLE NAME, RIGHT, DAD?
BUT...
NILS!

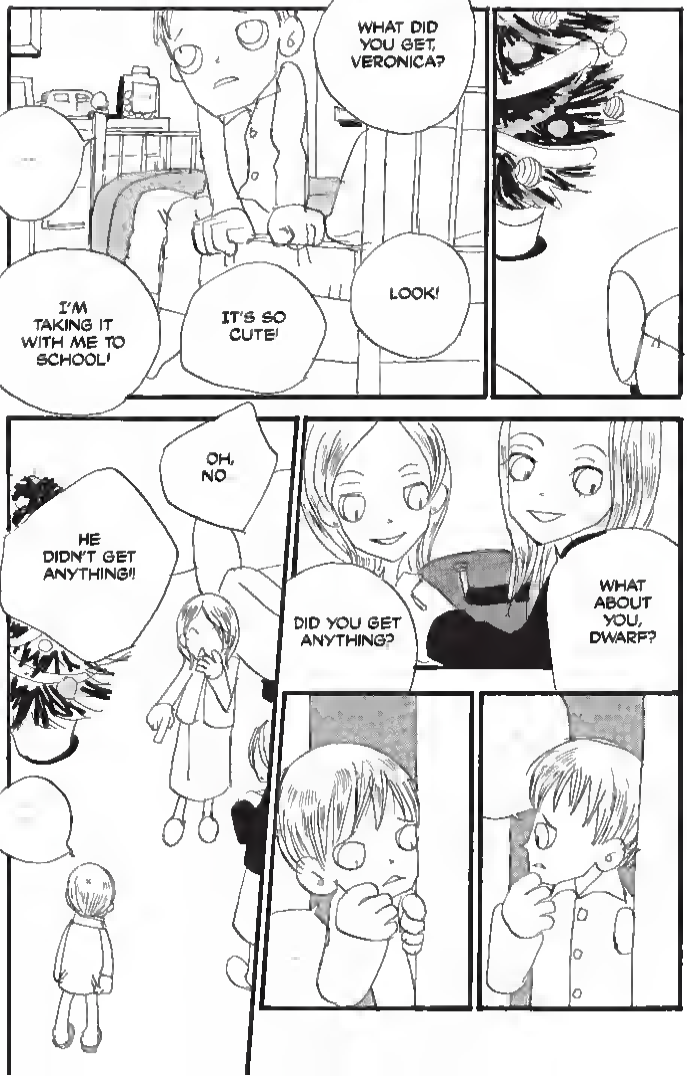
I WANNA GO TO A DIFFERENT SCHOOL THAN THEM
I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, BUT YOU GOTTA BE A MAN ABOUT THESE THINGS
I HATE IT WHEN THEY CALL ME THAT AT SCHOOL
THEY'VE NEVER CALLED ME BY MY FIRST NAME
IT'S ALWAYS "NILS THE DWARF"
C'MON, CHEER UP, STANLEY
WE CAN HAVE LOTS OF FUN WITHOUT YOUR SISTERS INTERRUPTING
IT'S JUST YOU AND ME FOR THE NEXT THREE DAYS

DON'T SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT BEFORE WE GO OUT AND HAVE FUN
I DON'T MIND STAYING AT HOME
IF WE GO OUT AND YOU REALLY END UP WITH A FEVER OR SOMETHING, I'LL BE THEIR TOY FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE
IS THERE ANYPLACE IN PARTICULAR THAT YOU WANT TO GO TO?
MAYBE LONG ISLAND?
WHAT?
WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN IF THEY FIND OUT YOU WEREN'T SICK?


CHRISTMAS ★ MORNING
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO ASK SANTA FOR THIS CHRISTMAS?
STANLEY...
SOMETHING SMALLER AND CHEAPER THAN WHAT THEY'RE GETTING
ANIKA AND VERONICA
YOUR SISTERS?

IT'S CHRISTMAS, STANLEY WHERE'S YOUR CHRISTMAS SPIRIT?
I KNOW YOU HAVE A WISH FOR SANTA
IF I GET SOMETHING THAT'S NICER THAN THEIRS, THEY'LL TEASE ME AGAIN
THAT'S WHY
THAT'S UP TO YOU
BUT NOT SOMETHING LIKE, "I WANT TO BE TALLER."
YOU SHOULD HAVE YOUR MOM ASK SANTA THAT
I WANT THEM TO STOP TREATING ME LIKE THEIR TOY

I JUST WANT SOMETHING SMALLER AND CHEAPER THAN WHAT THEY'RE GETTING
STAN!
WILL YOU TELL SANTA THAT, DAD?
I FEEL BAD FOR HIM...
POOR THING IT'S CHRISTMAS...
AS HIS FATHER, I GOTTA DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!!


WHAT DID YOU GET, VERONICA?
...
I'M TAKING IT WITH ME TO SCHOOL!
IT'S SO CUTE!
LOOK!
OH, NO
HE DIDN'T GET ANYTHING!!
DID YOU GET ANYTHING?
WHAT ABOUT YOU, DWARF?

GOOD MORNING, STANLEY
YOU DIDN'T GET A PRESENT?
MERRY CHRISTMAS.
NILS WASN'T A GOOD BOY
LOOK, MOM!!
I TOLD SANTA YOUR WISH, BUT HE SAID HE WANTED TO GIVE YOU A GREAT, BIG PRESENT!
HE SAID, "I COULDN'T MAKE IT BEFORE DAWN! I'M SORRY, STANLEY BOY.
"TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU, I'M GIVING YOU A PRESENT BIGGER THAN ANYBODY'S!!"
WE TALKED ABOUT IT AND DECIDED TO GIVE IT TO YOU LATER.

?!
WHAT'S WRONG, STANLEY?!
WHY ARE YOU CRYING@??!
THAT WAY, YOUR SISTERS WILL UNDERSTAND
SANTA WILL BE HERE SOON WITH YOUR PRESENT
HE JUST WANTED TO SEE SOMETHING WHEN HE WOKE UP
WHAT A TERRIBLE SANTA
STAN WOULD'VE BEEN HAPPY WITH ANY OL' PRESENT

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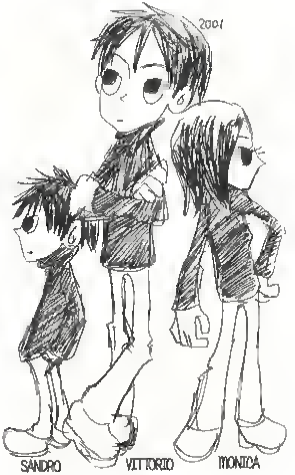
BROTHERS AND SISTER OF
A SWEETS STORE.
MONICA LEFT HOME TO
WORK IN MILAN.



FRATELLI DI SANDRO

-Siblings of Sandro-

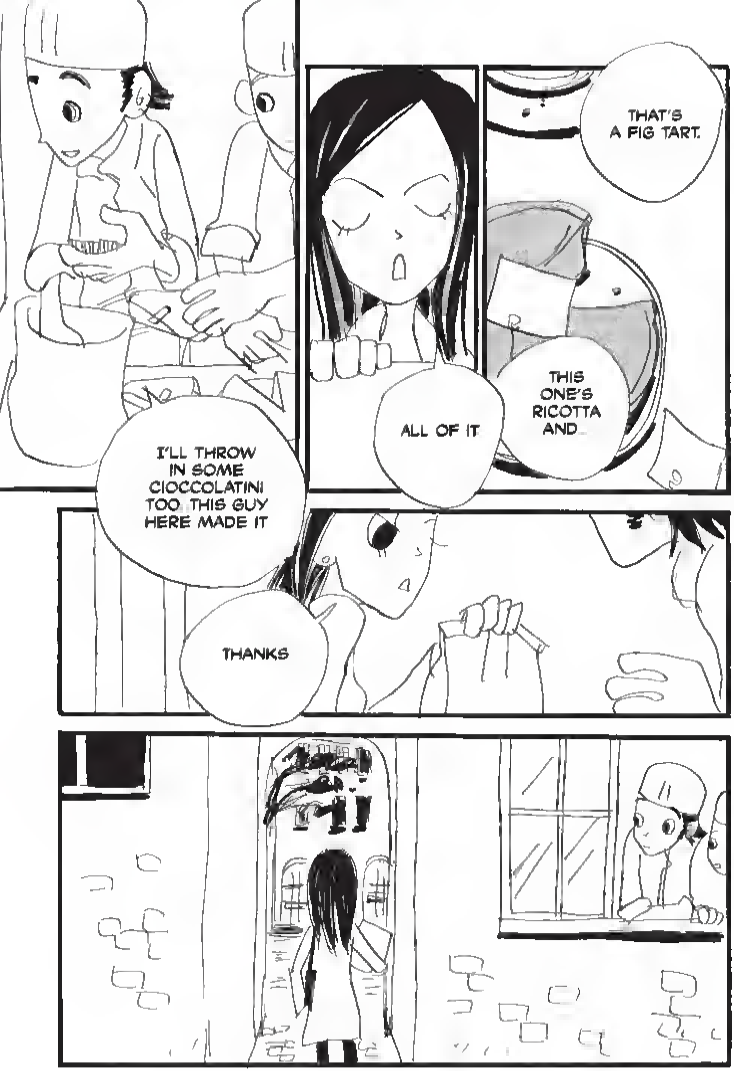
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU!
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR YOUR EXCUSES. DON'T CALL ME ANYMORE
I WILL NEVER FORGIVE YOU!
YOU'RE COMING OVER? GO AHEAD. I WON'T BE HERE!
I KNOW WHAT SHE'S GONNA SAY NEXT.

HOME AGAIN?
I'D RUN INTO HIM IF I STAYED IN THIS TOWN I'M GOING BACK HOME FOR A WHILE
I'M HEADING BACK HOME!!
I NEED SOME TIME OFF.
BUT WHAT HAPPENED?
HE WAS CHEATING ON ME!!

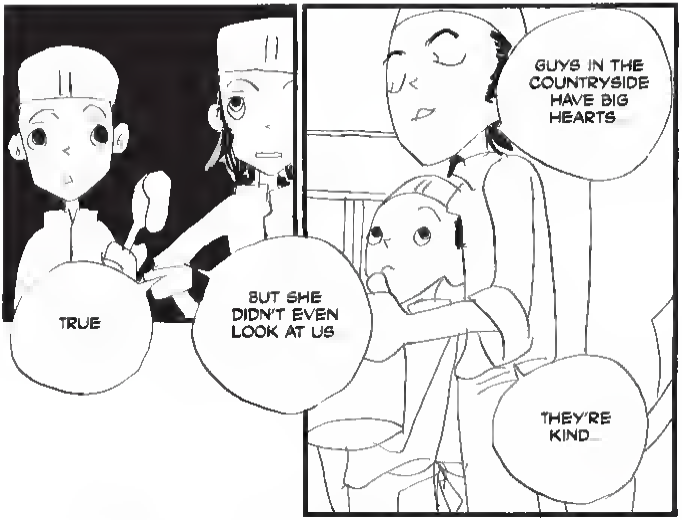
WHY WOULD HE DO THAT WHEN HE'S GOT A BEAUTIFUL GIRL LIKE YOU?
VIOLETTA ACROSS THE STREET
WITH WHO?
SHE'S BEAUTIFUL TOO
MONICA ALWAYS GOES BACK HOME EVERY TIME SHE HAS A FIGHT WITH A MAN
MAYBE SHE HAS BAD LUCK WITH MEN?
SHE PROBABLY WANTS THEM TO GO THERE TO GET HER
MAYBE BUT EVERY MAN SHE'S BEEN WITH IS SO HANDSOME IT MAKES ME JEALOUS

A LOT OF PEOPLE AROUND US HAVE BEEN GETTING MARRIED, HUH?
IT'S HARD FOR A 35-YEAR-OLD WOMAN TO SEE YOUNGER WOMEN GETTING MARRIED BEFORE HER
I'M GETTING MARRIED TOO
HER YOUNGER BROTHER IS GETTING MARRIED SOON
PAOLA, THAT GOES WITHOUT SAYING
YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE MONICA AS YOUR SISTER-IN-LAW THOUGH I'M WORRIED FOR YOU
WHEN SHE'S NOT FIGHTING WITH A MAN
MONICA'S A LOVELY WOMAN

WELCOME BACK, MONICA.
I WANT THAT
THAT CHOCOLATE ONE
OH.
WRAP IT UP, MASSIMO.
WHAT'S THAT ONE OVER THERE?

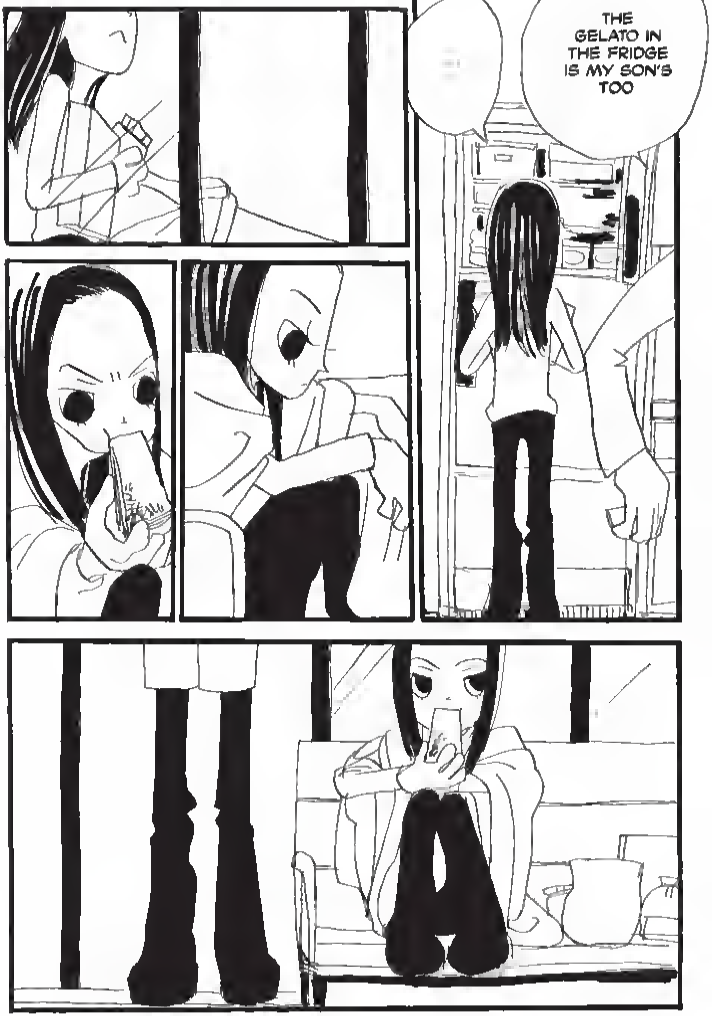

THAT'S A FIG TART.
THIS ONE'S RICOTTA AND...
ALL OF IT
I'LL THROW IN SOME CIOCCOLATINI TOO. THIS GUY HERE MADE IT
THANKS

WHAT A PRETTY LADY
THAT'S THE OWNER'S DAUGHTER
IT'S NOT THE HOLIDAYS OR AN ANNIVERSARY, SO THE FACT THAT SHE'S BACK CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING
HER MAN LEFT HER
REALLY?
SHE COMES BACK HOME AND BINGES ON SWEETS
BUT SHE'S SO PRETTY...
DOES THAT MEAN SHE'S GOT PERSONALITY ISSUES?
NO, SHE'S A GOOD PERSON
I THINK IT'S THE GUYS SHE CHOOSES THAT HAVE THE PROBLEMS MOST GUYS IN MILAN DO


GUYS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE HAVE BIG HEARTS...
THEY'RE KIND...
BUT SHE DIDN'T EVEN LOOK AT US
TRUE

THAT'S FOR MY SON.

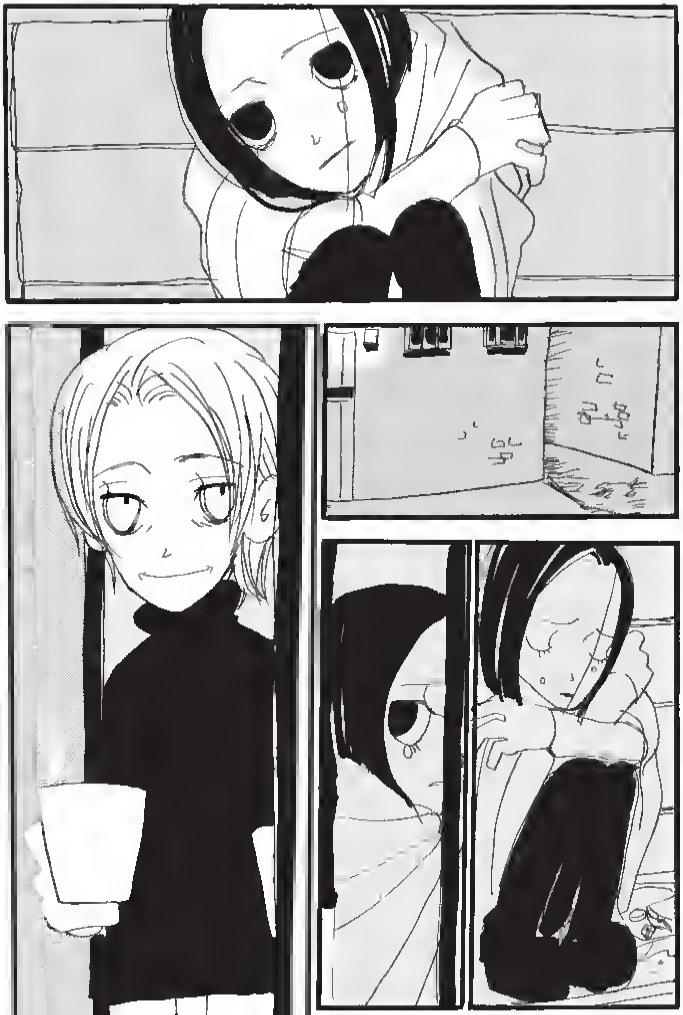
HE'S IN BOLOGNA WITH MOM AND DAD.
I'M OFF TO VENICE.
DON'T TOSS THE SWEETS LIKE THAT
WHY DO YOU THINK WE CAN LIVE THE WAY WE DO?
SANDRO SAID HE'S LEAVING MILAN
TO BE FITTED FOR A TUX


THE GELATO IN THE FRIDGE IS MY SON'S TOO

I'M GOING TO MILAN, SO GIVE ME THE KEYS TO YOUR PLACE
WHY DON'T YOU STAY AT PAOLA'S?
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND YOU WITH YOUR MOUTH FULL LIKE THAT
GRAZIE

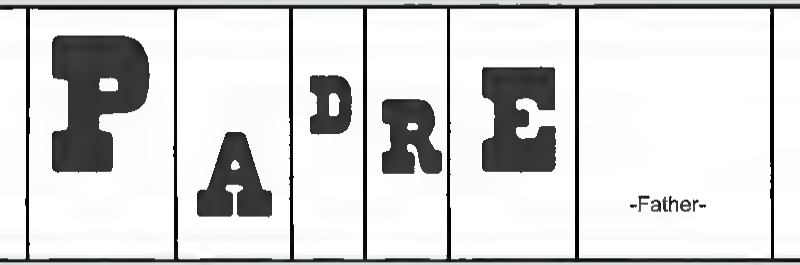
ALL MEN ARE THE SAME
THEY'RE HEARTLESS!
THEY LIE!
THEY'RE AWFUL!
AND THEY'RE NEVER NICE TO ME!!

MEN...
MEN...



IT'LL WARM YOU UP.
HOT CHOCOLATE
COME ON
LET'S DRINK IT TOGETHER INSIDE

YOU'RE THE BEST MAN IN THE WORLD, DAD
AND MOM IS THE LUCKIEST PERSON ON EARTH.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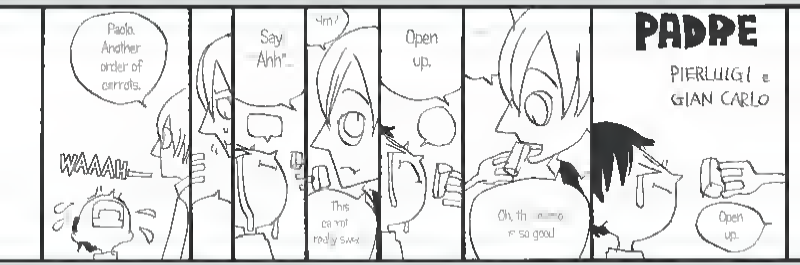
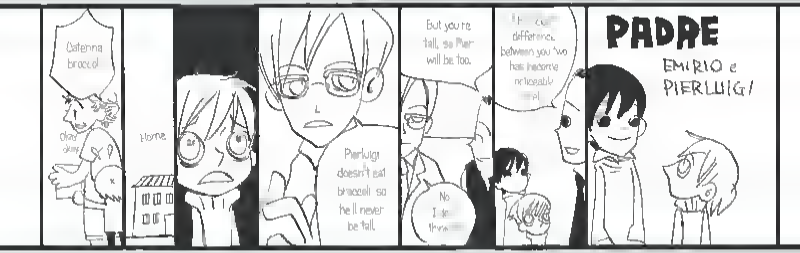
-Father-

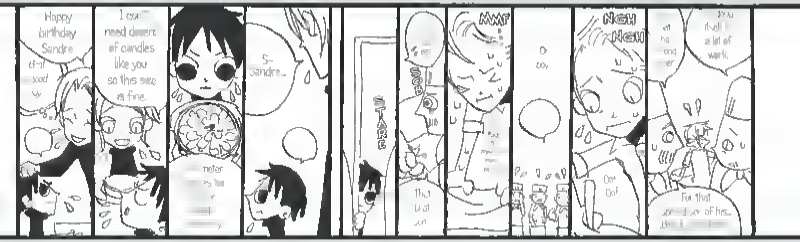

Paolo. Another order of carrots.
WAAAH
Say "Ahh"
Hm?
This can't really save
Open up.
Oh, th is so good
PADRE
PIERLUIGI e GIAN CARLO
Open up.

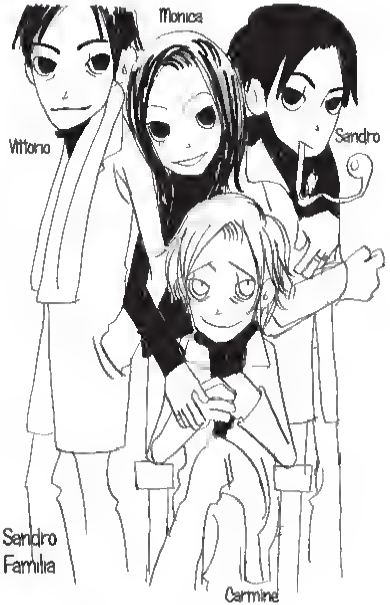
You ate it Carlo!
You'll be big, like your dad!
It's good!
Thank You Papa
broccoli mousse torta for you dad.
carrot e this torta but you should be able to eat it Carlo.
You'll be able to eat it soon. Little by little.
I do too
Then here.
You still won't eat broccoli.


Datemmi broccoli
Okay okay
Mamma
Pierluigi doesn't eat broccoli so he'll never be tall.
But you're tall, so Pier will be too.
No I don't think
PADRE
EMIRIO e PIERLUIGI

Yeah, he couldn't do it Mm hm.
SNIFF SNIFF
My nerd? Ha-? It's a waste of time Forget it
His feelings are hurt so console him? Don't you think I know that?
Okay, it's out of the hole
Good boy Pier
Oh, my
Want some dressing?

Ar
Yeah.
PADRE
CARMINE ed ALESSANDRO


Happy birthday Sandra
I can need dessert of candles like you so this was a fine.
S- Sandra...
STARE
MMF
NGH! NGH!
Ow! Ow!
It-well I a lot of work.
For this!



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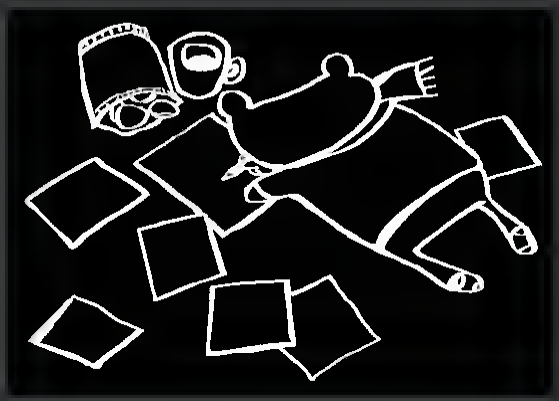

2008

2002

2007

FELICE ANNO NUOVO

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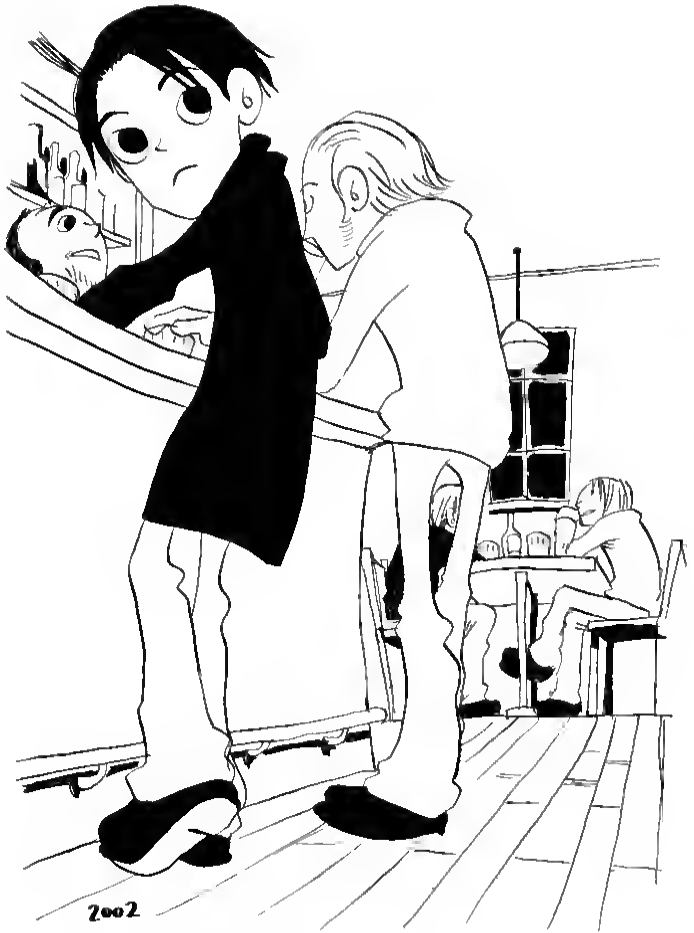
2006

Morning
Summer
Vacation

The radio
exercise card
my brother made
for me
2008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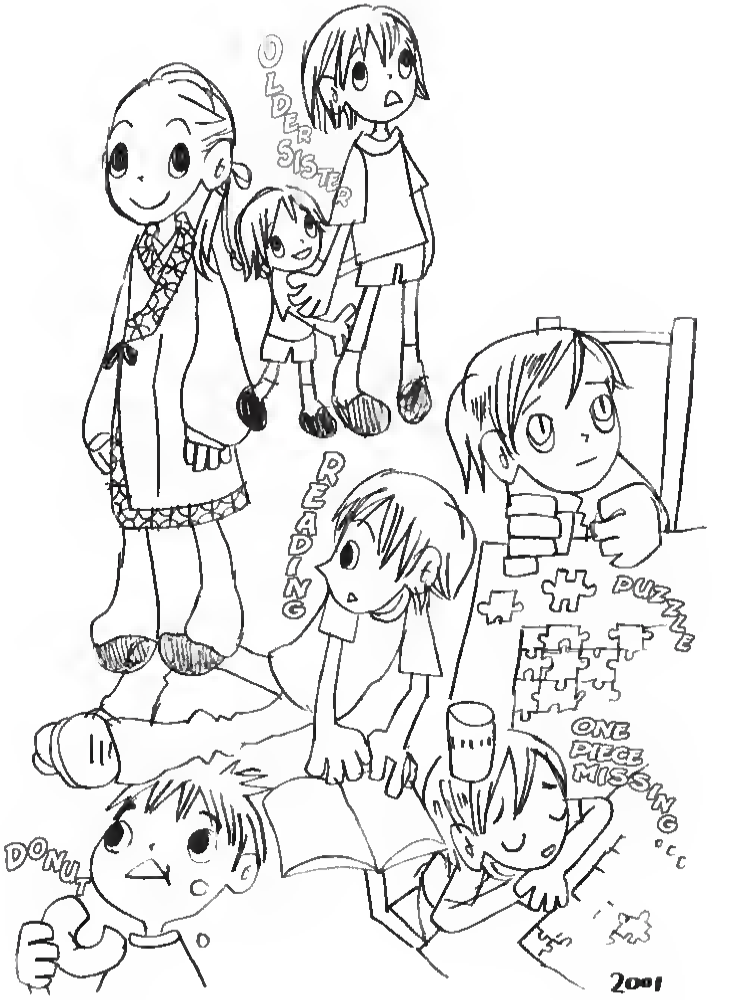
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READING
PUZZLE
ONE PIECE MISSING
DONUT
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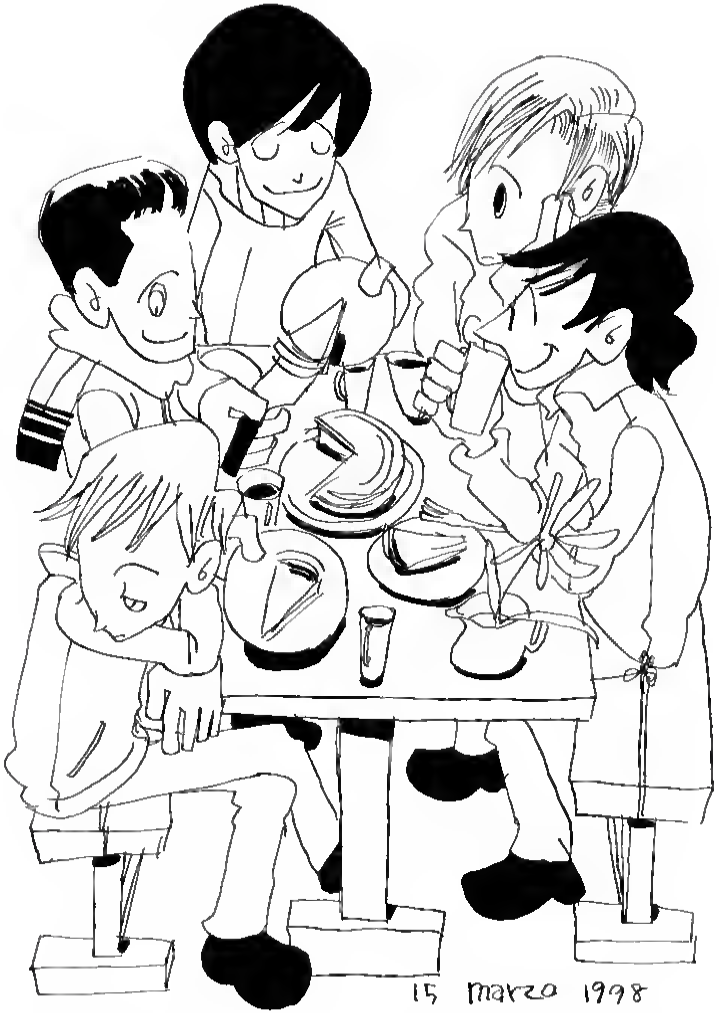
AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

1998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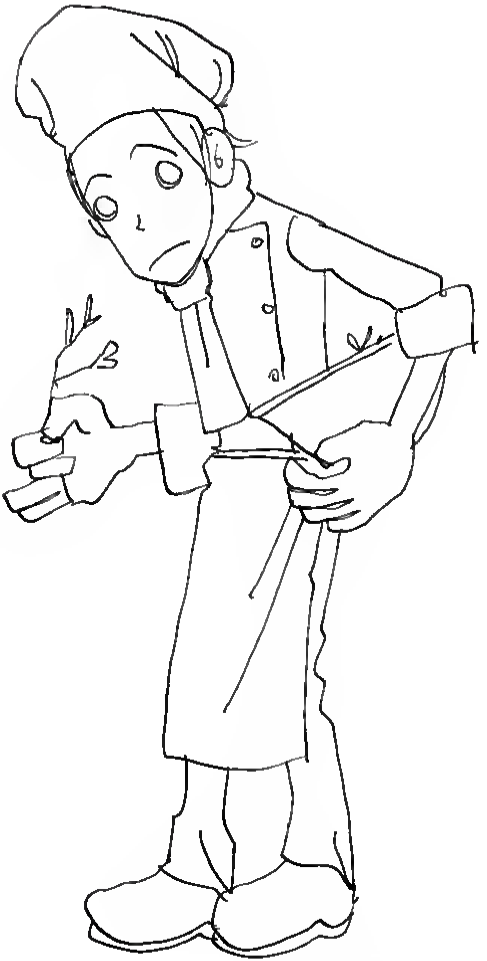

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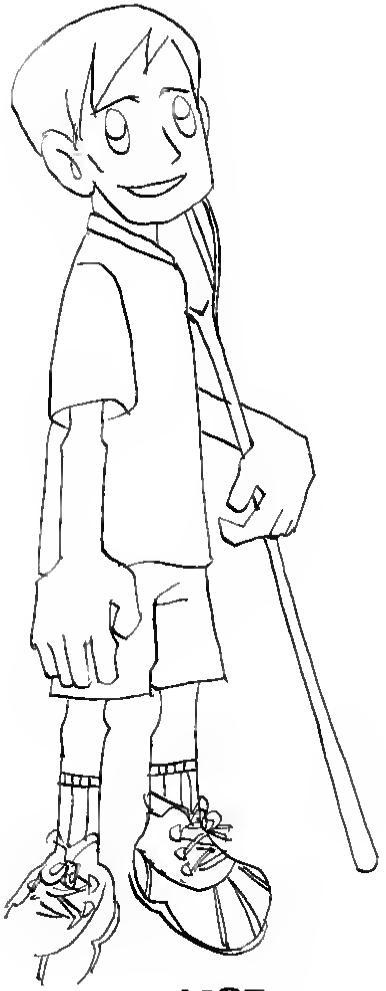

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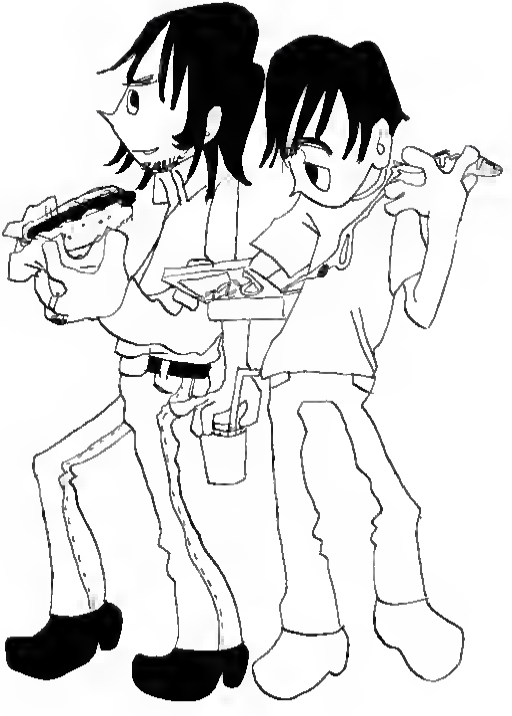

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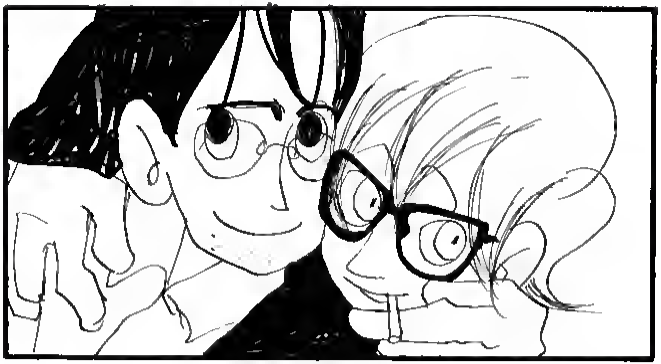
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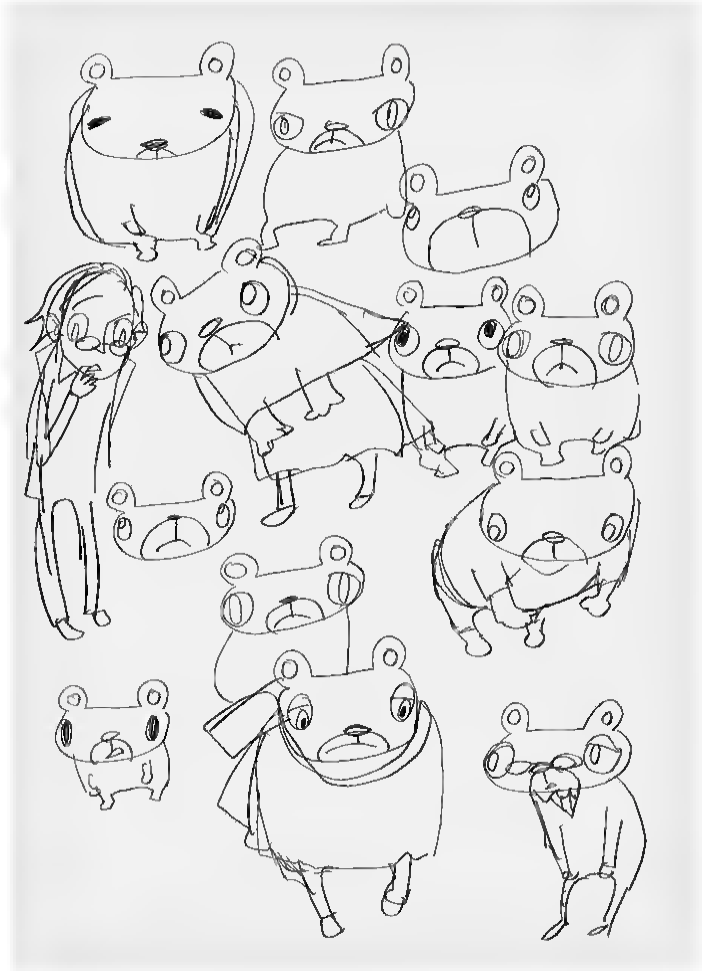
A bear I drew in '99 or 2000.
I liked it, so I used it as the
opening image on my website.



Doodle from 2007 or 2008.
Most of them are hunched over.

Probably the opening image for my website during Spring 2001. I change it every now and then. When I had an office job, there were extra delivery slips that were used as memo paper, and I drew this doodle on one of them.

Probably from 2001. The opening image for my site during Australian football season

Trashcan I used when I had an office job

I used to think I was no good at short stories. Now I think I've learned to like them.

The manga I drew as a hobby were mostly serial stories. The occasional short stories I'd create would be spinoffs of those series.

This book also contains a story that may require a bit of an explanation. These may be clumsy stories, but they've become memorable and important to me.

I'm grateful to have them all contained in one book. It's like a treasure to me.

I'd like to take this opportunity to express my deepest thanks to my editor Yuki Yasujima and designer Chutte.

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